

1984-1989-Branch & Executive Minutes - Forward Group

**archive items or items found in Correspondence – listed only*

RDF: Socialist Rights Defence Fund (R.D. suit against RCMP)

1984

1984-01Jan4a	Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP Metro ridings
1984-03Mar28	Minutes of FG: NDP Provincial Council, Left Caucus, Membership
1984-04Apr4	<i>(undated)</i> Minutes of FG: Left Caucus report, Metro NDP, RCMP
1984-04Apr11	Minutes of FG: Left Caucus report, RCMP, Educational
1984-04Apr30a	Minutes of FG: Antiwar report, Forward distribution; NDP report, SRDF
1984-05May14a	Minutes of FG: Member ship, Organizational Report,
*1984-May21	<i>(undated)</i> Rough notes for Minutes (13 pp) (on file)
1984-05May29a	Minutes of FG: SRDF, Organization, Antiwar, NDP Metro
1984-06June12	Minutes of FG: Organization, Educational, NDP Metro, Left Caucus
1984-07July9	Minutes of FG: Convention & Left Caucus, Antiwar, SRDF, Treasury
1984-07July23	Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP Left Caucus, Antiwar
1984-09Sept24	Minutes of FG: NDP ridings, RCMP, Poland, Forward Group work areas
*1984-Oct1	<i>(rough notes) Minutes of FG (4 handwritten sketch notes)</i>
1984-10Oct99	<i>(undated)</i> Greetings from FG to Winnipeg socialist gathering
1984-11Nov5	Minutes of FG: Educational on Left Caucus; SRDF report
1984-11Nov19	Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus forum
1984-12Dec3	Minutes of FG: Left Caucus NATO debate, Antiwar, RCMP-SRDF
1984-12Dec17a	Minutes of FG: Left Caucus at NDP Provincial Council (and Antiwar)

1985

NDPPE: New Democrats for Preservation of Public Schools

*1985-Jan3	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) NDP Metro & Left Caucus</i>
1985-01Jan14	Minutes of FG: Antiwar, NDP Left Caucus, Metro NDP, SRDF
1985-01Jan28	Minutes of FG: SRDF, NDP Left Caucus, Antiwar, Women's Cttee.

1985-02Feb12	Minutes of FG: SRDF, Educational, Nicaragua, Left Caucus, NDP Metro
*1985-Mar14	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Left Caucus conference</i>
1985-03Mar26	Minutes of FG: Correspondence, SRDF, NDP, Left Caucus convention
*1985-Apr9	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP –see Correspondence-1985) Ontario elections</i>
*1985-May7	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP –see Correspondence-1985) York Mills NDP campaign</i>
*1985-May15	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP –see Correspondence-1985) Catholic school funding</i>
*1985-May28	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP –see Correspondence-1985) Ontario election, SRDF</i>
*1985-June11	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP –see Correspondence-1985) Left Caucus, Antiwar</i>
*1985-July10	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP –see Correspondence-1985) NDP federal convention</i>
*1985-July16	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Educational on Left Caucus</i>
*1985-Aug9	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Left Caucus analysis</i>
*1985-Aug22	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Left Caucus bulletin, NDP</i>
*1985-Sept13	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Correspondence, NDPPE</i>
*1985-Sept24	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) NDP Left Caucus, NDPPE</i>
*1985-Oct4	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Left Caucus, NDPPE, NDP</i>
*1985-Oct18	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Educational, NDPPE, NDP</i>
*1985-Nov6	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Left Caucus conference</i>
1985-11Nov15	Minutes of FG: Left Caucus conference, Municipal election
*1985-Nov29	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Left Caucus, NDP, NDPPE</i>
*1985-Dec17	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1985) Membership, Social, SRDF</i>

1986

*1986-Jan12	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Left Caucus, NDP Conf.</i>
*1986-Jan17	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) LC slate NDP convention</i>
*1986-Jan31	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Left Caucus public forums</i>
*1986-Feb11	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) NDP Alternative Campaign</i>

*1986-Feb25 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Rebick campaign, SRDF*

*1986-Mar11 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Philippines, CARAL, CAP*

1986-03Mar25a *Minutes of FG: Forward & Agenda, RCMP suit support*

*1986-Apr15 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) ONDP Left Caucus forum*

*1986-Apr30 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Antiwar, NDPPE*

*1986-May13 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) LC-CAP bulletins*

*1986-May27 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) SRDF, Educational on NDP*

*1986-June10 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Finances, NDPPE*

1986-06June26a *Minutes of FG: Membership, Educational*

*1986-July15 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Educational, NDP conven.*

*1986-July29 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Poundmaker educationals*

*1986-Aug12 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Membership, Educational*

*1986-Aug26 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Left Caucus, Labor Day*

*1986-Sept9 *Minutes of FG: (postponed)*

*1986-10Oct9 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) NDP, NDPPE, RCMP*

*1986-Oct21 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) CAP (NDP-LC bulletin)*

*1986-Nov4 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) Left Caucus conference*

*1986-Nov15 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) LC conference, Municipal*

*1986-Dec3 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) LC conference, RCMP*

*1986-Dec17 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1986) LC, Ridings, Kopyto defence*

1987

*1987-Mar9 *Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1987) Attendance crisis addressed*

1987-03Mar24a *Minutes of FG: Kopyto Defence, HQ, NDP federal convention*

1987-04Apr4a *Minutes of FG: Social event*

1987-04Apr20a *Minutes of FG: Membership, New business*

1987-05May4a	Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP ridings
1987-06June1a	Minutes of FG: NDP Metro council
<i>*1987-June15</i>	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1987) Educational, Left Caucus</i>
1987-07July16	Minutes of FG: Membership, Kopyto Case
<i>*1987-Aug11</i>	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1987) Educational, Kopyto Case</i>
<i>*1987-Oct5</i>	<i>Minutes of FG (DUP – See Correspondence-1987) NDP Left Caucus, Kopyto</i>
1987-11Nov2	Minutes of FG: NDP, Moscow Trials, Kopyto Case
1987-11Nov16a	Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus, Ridings, Kopyto Case
1987-11Nov30a	Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP activities
1987-12Dec14	Minutes of FG: Educational on USSR, NDP activities, Latin America

1988

1988-01Jan11	Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus & ridings, Kopyto/Codina
1988-01Jan25	Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus & ridings
1988-02Feb9	Minutes of FG: NDP activities
1988-02Feb22a	Minutes of FG: NDP activities, Kopyto Defence Campaign
1988-03Mar7a	Minutes of FG: Membership & contacts; ASA conditions on LC
1988-04Apr5a	Minutes of FG: ONDP Left Caucus & Ridings
1988-04Apr18a	Minutes of FG: NDP activities & NDP Youth Conference
1988-05May2a	Minutes of FG: NDP activities, Left Caucus
1988-05May28a	Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus “Open Letter”
1988-05May31	Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP activities
1988-06June7	Minutes of FG: Kopyto case, Camp Poundmaker, Jews for A Just Peace
1988-06June21	Minutes of FG: NDP activities, Soviet Union, Left Caucus
1988-07July5a	Minutes of FG: Ontario NDP convention, Left Caucus Steering Cttee.
1988-07July19	Minutes of FG: NDP Ridings, Moscow Trials Campaign

1988-08Aug16	Minutes of FG: NDP activities (LC Open Letter); Ridings
1988-08Aug30	Minutes of FG: NDP, Glendon Campus, Left Caucus
1988-09Sept20	Minutes of FG: NDP ridings, Left Caucus, Jews for A Just Peace, Camp
1988-10Oct18a	Minutes of FG: NDP activities
1988-11Nov1	Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP activities
1988-11Nov15a	Minutes of FG: NDP: Glendon Campus, ridings, municipal elections
1988-11Nov29a	Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP activities (Left Caucus)
1988-12Dec20a	Minutes of FG: ONDP Provincial Council, Left Caucus

1989

1989-01Jan4a	Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus; conference plans
1989-01Jan18	Minutes of FG: LC conference
1989-02Feb1a	Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP activities – ridings reports
1989-02Feb15	Minutes of FG: NDP Left Caucus conference, NDP, Kopyto case
1989-02Feb29a	Minutes of FG: Left Caucus conference report with Quebec NDP speaker
1989-03Mar15a	Minutes of FG: Membership & contacts report
1989-03Mar29a	Minutes of FG: Membership obligations proposal
1989-04Apr12	Minutes of FG: Membership, NDP ridings
1989-05May17a	Minutes of FG: Educational, NDP Left Caucus Steering Cttee.
1989-06June13a	Minutes of FG: Membership & Contacts, Educational, Kopyto case

FORWARD GROUP MEETING Jan. 4/84.

CHAIR: Kimberley SECRETARY: Zane.

ATTENDANCE: John D. Ross Kimberley, Zane. LATE: Dave T., John B', Harry K.

MINUTES: not typed; m/c to table to next meeting.

MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS:

- general discussion on possibilities for recruitment & expansion; this can best be accomplished through our work in and through the Left Caucus
- Ross will contact Cheryl to have discussion and report back.
- report by Harry on Angie: proposed that Harry get her to join Parkdale riding and attend Left Caucus meetings.
- we must have serious talk with George Lottkiewicz about what ~~where~~ he intends to do politically and before he drifts from us further.
- Harry K. will contact Gord's family to find out where we might contact him.
- Harry will arrange an SRDF social at his place Jan 28 to show 'RCMP on trial' tape

NDP - Reports on ridings:

- Rosedale nomination coming up Jan. 19. Dell Wolfson Running on a Poor program.
- Dec. meeting of St. George witnessed the riding in organizational crisis. This is reflective of the general state of affairs in the party in political crisis.
- Report by Harry on Parkdale. Executive had lengthy meeting at which it was decided to more actively involve membership in riding activities and education.
- ~~now~~ Some executive has been re-elected in St. David, ~~little perspective~~ ~~hope is seen in~~ reflecting lack of membership involvement at present

RCMP - mail has brought in more Trade Union support.

- date of small claims court hearing is to come up shortly.
- Provincial Court is to hear suit on May 29.

- we should look into holding meetings in other centres on the suit around the videotape

EDUCATIONAL - Zane on Mandel's NLR article 'The Threat of War and the Struggle for Socialism.'

Left Caucus

- Steering C'lee meets Jan 21. Will discuss how to respond
- to leadership's "Program for Gov't". ~~It has been proposed~~ A panel discussion forum is projected for the MAR. Provincial Council meeting to discuss the "Program".
- Toronto forums have still to be organized.

MTAC - Ward Six By-election : ~~discuss~~

- Metro Federation of Tenants president Dale Martin ~~has~~ is being ~~been~~ pressed to run. ~~by the~~ We must insist on his running on the NDP ticket and be fully prepared to carry this at the Ward Six meeting if necessary.

ANTIWAR REPORT

- Peace Petition Caravan ~~now has full~~ ~~now being~~ backing of Labour movement. Launching of an ad-hoc coalition for the Caravan is projected for Jan 24. ACT is still holding back from active support. TDN meanwhile is fully behind Caravan and is opening up more and more. in an effort to broaden its base. TDN Dec. 10-11 Conference attracted over 130 with wide open debate. ACT is projecting a conference for February to discuss policy. We should continue to press for unity.
- NDP Antiwar Committee is leading discussion at MTAC meeting Jan ~~21~~ 23 on NDP and the Disarmament movement. Monthly Committee meeting Jan 12 will discuss NDP participation in Peace Petition Caravan, Trudeau's peace initiative, and will feature a discussion on ~~Multilateral~~ Unilateral or Multilateral disarmament.

POLAND. - Zane will submit ~~resignation~~ public letter of resignation to Solidarity Support Committee executive because of

their dumping of the lawyers ⁽³⁾ campaign against the show trials.

Forward - report by Ross : we will go

New Business. - next meeting is Jan 22 (Sunday) at 7:30 p.m.

Forward Group Meeting Wednesday, March 28, 1984, Toronto

Election of Chairperson---Kasher

Election of Secretary--Dowson

Minutes of last meeting not available

Attendance- Dowson, Darling, Doctorow, Tomczak, Boyd, Absent with known reason-Bacher

Membership and contacts- Weisleder of the SPG approached us with regards to circulation of a petition in favor of the arrested Armenians. Dowson moved that we not circulate the petition which calls for their release, an end of police harassment etc etc. They have now been charged with complicity in the terrorist attack on a Turkish Embassy official in Ottawa with the matter of bail being decided in the next day or so. While there is no question as to where our sympathy goes--it is with the national liberation struggle of the Armenians against the Turkish dictatorship--we only have Weisleder's word that they had nothing to do with the Ottawa incident and are not associated with the Armenian terrorists and ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ are being framed by the RCMP at the behest of the ~~Roman~~ Turkish government. They are now being charged, the evidence will be presented, they have top legal aid in the person of ~~Clayton~~ Clayton Ruby. Motion by Dowson that we keep in touch with the situation so that we can move on the matter if and when we think it appropriate--~~xxxxxx~~ agreed. The Weisleder group has now opened up an office on College St and is actively promoting the sale of the US Socialist Action now.

Educational by John Darling on the expelled from the US Socialist Workers Party now coalescing around the Socialist Action paper- discussion.

Motion ~~xxx~~ that Doctorow extend the discussion that developed out of the above educational for the next branch meeting- agreed.

NDP. ~~xxxxxx~~ Report by Tomczak on Provincial Council meeting. The Left Caucus publically split on the document Program for Government which was presented to the council. Chris Ross, Tomczak, Bacher and others scored the document ~~xx~~ that the leadership enveigled Ehring and Rosenblum into collaborating in ~~xxx~~ writing. It was attacked as being all style and no programmatic content. When Rosenblum under the urgings of the chair arose to defend it he was met with ~~xxxxxx~~ jeers and ~~caac~~ calls. It was defeated 50 to 44. We will attempt to have a discussion on this compromising action by Rosenblum and Ehring which was supported by others of the Left Caucus--among them Rowles and Hutton. Tomczak reported on three matters that demonstrate the party brass is trying to tighten up the machine--convention resolutions are henceforth to be limited to 150 words--a very narrow election committee has been set up-- and the question of slates has not been resolved. The leadership succeeded in carrying out the expulsion of RWLer Tom Baker on the grounds of membership in an opponent political party. Baker carried a strong and effective defense-- after which he informed one of us that they are changing their line and declaring themselves to be a party. Left Caucus noon hour forum on the Laxer document was well attended, generally pestigious for the ~~xxxxxx~~ Caucus although there was no time for us to make a contribution in the name of Marxism which Watkins and all the speakers carefully avoided. A saturation distribution of the new Forward was carried out and a display designed to encourage Ontario riding associations to hold an educational around the video-tape of the CITY TV ~~xxx~~ program on the Dowson suit was set up in the foyer--~~xxxxxx~~ there were friendly enquiries. Report by Kasher of the situation in his riding and the developing pressure from all fronts that he should accept the presidency even though it is known that he would have limited time to devote to it. Motion that we agree to Kasher accepting the nomination.

Next meeting- Wednesday April 11.

Report of various events in the next couple of weeks where we will distribute Forward. We need to be informed of any others coming up

adjourned

copy sent to Ottawa

FORWARD GROUP MEETING --

(Found in 1984 - dated to Apr 4)

CHAIR: Kimberley SEC.: Zane

ATTENDANCE: Bob K., Harry, Kimberley, John D., Zane, Ross; late: Dave

MINUTES: m/c to postpone last meeting's minutes to next meeting (N/A)

CORRESPONDENCE: Ross reported on the new paper of the SWP public faction, Socialist Action, and of his having ordered a bundle and four subs. Report by Zane on discussion with George L. on his general political views. He considers himself a Marxist and a revolutionary but is critical of Leninism. We must continue to have discussions and try to draw him into working with him within our orientation to Canadian politics.

EDUCATIONAL: m/c to postpone to later in the meeting
(by Dave)

LEFT CAUCUS REPORT: Ontario Caucus has planned a forum discussing the Laxer document for march 24 at noon at the Prov. Council meeting with Mel Watkins David Robertson of party's research dept, possibly Floyd Laughren; we are pressing for a Left Caucus spokesperson. Next forum is ~~pxi~~ set for April 17 on Socialist Strategies for the Peace Movement with Richard Johnston, Angela Browning, someone from TDN, someone from the Labour movement. The Toronto Caucus is projecting a forum ~~for mid-May~~ on the party's Program for Government for May 16, with the steering committee preparing a response to the party leadership. Subsequent ~~forum~~ Toronto Caucus forums are being projected for June 6 & 14 on the provincial convention discussion.

- At its Jan 22 meeting, Ontario Left Caucus steering committee discussed Provincial council meeting in December where labour caucused. It is evident that labour is trying to line up the discussion well beforehand to prevent any conflict at the convention. They are planning a slate, but it is yet unclear how they will bring it down. The New Directions people are pushing for an executive chosen on a regional basis. The labour brass was for no compromise with the New Directions people.

- Left Caucus has not developed a critique of the leadership position and is in no position to do so until the final draft is out in March. The question of whether to hold an Ont. Left Caucus conference before June came up with Wayne for and Dave and Simon against. Wayne wants a counter-document to be adopted and so does George E. Dave countered with a proposal for a series of regional meetings to prepare for the convention.

- DISCUSSION.

-m/c to consciously and systematically move to reorient the forums to give a high profile to Left Caucus people

-m/c to urge reconsideration whether to advocate a pre-convention Ontario L.C. Conference no later than late April.

- Ross gave a short report on the Laxer document; discussion

MTAC (Dave): at the Jan. 23 meeting Richard J. spoke on the NDP and the Disarmament movement. Richard has changed his position and is now for putting the party up front within the peace movement.

ANTIWAR REPORT by Zane on the NDP Antiwar committee meeting; discussion.

REPORT by Ross on the C-9 Bill. Svend has played an exemplary role. Heap has contacted Harry seeking collaboration on his intervention in the House. Harry will contact Heap and Svend immediately tomorrow (monday)

- the one-page Forward insert on the RCMP, our case, C-9, etc. has been sent out.

- we have recently got some good publicity and press on the case.

- Jan. 28 SRDF social at Harry and Sabena's was a big success with 60 to 70 attending over the evening. We must make an effort to circulate the City TV tape.

NEXT MEETING:

m/c adjourn

Chair: Kopyto Sec.: Boyd

Attendance: Tomczak, Dowson, Kopyto, Doctorow, Boyd, Darling;
Absent with reason: Wilde

Minutes: m/c to adopt minutes of Feb. as read
m/c to adopt minutes of Mar. 14 as information
m/c to use comrades' surnames in the minutes, unless a comrade
wants to use another name
m/c to adopt minutes of Mar. 28 as amended

Correspondence: ~~XXXXXXXXXX~~ Dowson reported that letter to Socialist Action
is not yet completed.

Members & Contacts

Report by Kopyto on Abie W.

Report by Kopyto on John Glenn's report on groups and tendencies
within SWP. M/C to ask John Glenn to write us a letter elaborating
on the situation within SWP.

Kopyto reported that Angie Codenga is now on Parkdale Executive; Kopyto
and Boyd should work closely with her.

Educational by Doctorow on "How Forward Group fits in to Trotskyism".

m/c to have Darling present financial report.

m/c that Dowson report on circulation

m/c that Doctorow report on the editorial board.

m/c that Tomczak give report at next meeting on the possibilities for
a class or classes before the summer

m/c to have the Doctorows report on their trip at a May 4 social affair

Left Caucus Report by Tomczak

It has become clearer what has been happening for some time in the Cau-
cus as the Manifesto authors represented see themselves as a "deal-
faction" in the Caucus. We managed to change the draft around, to the
left of this group, but they didn't learn.

In the fight with the Weisleder current, we failed to acknowledge that
some of Weisleder's criticisms were apt. We ~~xxxxxxx~~ wanted to keep the
caucus together and won the fight, but this other group interpreted it
as a victory for them.

m/c Dave present a critique to the next steering committee meeting ex-
plaining our point of view on the program for gov't experience,
specifically why, in spite of its language, it was not left and
why pre-empting the discussion leading to the convention was a set-
back. We should come out strongly against deals. We must pose a
plan of action for a real presence of the Left Caucus at the conv'n.

We should develop a left slate as an alternative to the leadership as our
x focus and ~~xxxxxxx~~ activity at the convention. We should have a con-
ference in September--no later; build it at the convention; settle
what it should be about, where and when. We must take back the initiative
in the Caucus leadership from Simon and George.

~~XXXXXXXXXXXXXX~~ Tomczak's draft critique will be brought back to the
next Branch for discussion and for mailing for the upcoming May 6 meeting.

Dowson raised the need to discuss our intervention at the convention.

Left Caucus ~~xx~~ April 17 Antiwar Meeting must be built.

Kopyto reported on a resolution on the RWL expulsions passed at the
Parkdale meeting with all the whereases necessarily dumped.

Antiwar Report tabled to next meeting

RCMP: Committee on Bill C-9 responded to Dowson's request to appear by insist-
ing on a written brief before consideration. It was agreed it is not worth
our time to procede.

Kopyto reported that the Law Union has or will submit a brief to the Committee.
He will obtain a copy for our perusal.

m/c to try to have CITY Video, RCMP on Trial, shown at the convention.

Forward Distributions

We hit all three meetings at which Admiral Carroll spoke. Boyd distri-
buted the Parkdale Annual Meeting.

Next meeting: Wed., April 25/84 m/c to adjourn

FORWARD GROUP MEETING --- Monday, April 30/84

CHAIR: Kopyto Secretary: Boyd

ATTENDANCE: Wilde, Doctorow, Boyd, Kopyto, Dowson

MINUTES: m/c to adopt minutes of April 11/84 as read

MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS:

- Art G. has given us \$1,000
- Report by Dowson on his meeting today with four stewards of the hotel workers' union
- Steve Dankowish is back from Europe; Dowson expects to receive a call from him shortly

EDUCATIONAL: postponed to later in the meeting

ANTIWAR REPORT (

- Wilde reported that the April 28 demo in Toronto was of good size and spirit, with even broader representation than previously, e.g., from Churches and youth. NDP's presence was good, although not as prominent as last October. The antiwar committee sold 75 c'tee buttons and \$75 Caravan buttons. The petition caravan got good exposure and reception. TDN meets to-morrow to discuss assess the demo; ACT does May 4.
- Doctorow reported on the antiwar committee's efforts: an extensive phoning was done; we got several out to hand out the c'tee leaflet, which was very well received. There has been some fallout in the c'tee, but others are coming through to fill in some of the gaps. There were some organizational problems, e.g., no one came out to make signs. Politically, ~~there had been an underlying struggle over whether the NDP should be represented on the platform. However, Bob Rae's excellent statement was read out; Majesky posed the party squarely; Layton was present; in the end, the party dominated the platform. What was lacking was the party's presence in its own right, particularly the lack of any appeal to the youth. This problem needs to be addressed in future.~~

FORWARD DISTRIBUTION: On April 28, over 2,000 issues were distributed by Dowson and Boyd. The paper was well received, but the distribution was poorly organized at the very last minute. The involvement of one or two other comrades or contacts would have made it much smoother and even more successful.

- Dowson distributed the labour council's antiwar meeting at OPSEU. Attendance of 25 was pitiful. Flexer indicated the council's peace committee is having trouble getting things going within the labor movement.

NDP REPORT

- Federal office has released a "peace and security" document against NORAD and for non-participation in NATO as long as ~~Canada~~ NATO deals with nuclear weapons. The documents status is not entirely clear; it appears to be a contribution for discussion. Its line is problematic, but supportable.
- Riding Reports: St. George's meeting to elect delegates had only 15 people present; Dowson was elected. The Left Caucus should have a considerable number of delegates at the convention, including comrades. We should be bold in putting forward our ideas and program, as there's such a big vacuum in ideas and policy in the party.
- we must discuss the matter of the left caucus' running a slate further. Doctorow raised the idea of running an antiwar candidate which has come up in the antiwar committee.
- Left Caucus' meetings to discuss resolutions are on June 5 and 13.
- MTAC report ~~will~~ postponed to next meeting

SRDF REPORT: We have printed and are circulating the Ottawa Coalition against Bill C-9's statement. We have sent copies to the Copeland people who are for amending the bill and have sent a letter along with them.

- Kopyto ~~will~~ agreed to put the heat on Laskin to get the case to court.

FORWARD MEETING, April 30/84 (cont.)

Socialist Workers Collective

NEW BUSINESS:

- Report on May Day: three separate affairs are being held in Toronto by the left. ~~Weissman & Co.~~ are holding a dinner at the Int'l Students Centre May 4 at which a representative of Socialist Action from the States and Roja from Grenada are scheduled to speak. An ad hoc anti-Stalinist committee is holding an evening affair at the College of Art; George Lathewicz is involved. The United Mayday Committee dominated by the CP is holding a march the same afternoon. Comrades should try to attend these affairs if possible; Dowson indicated he would attend the affair at the Students Centre.
- Discussion on Solidarnosc Defense: m/c to reallocate Boyd to see if we can reactivate effective defense work for Solidarity together with left elements we have previously worked with and with the CIC Solidarity Office.

EDUCATIONAL ON FORWARD GROUP REORGANIZATION

- m/c to have Treasurer's Report by Darling, Circulation Report by Dowson and Editorial Board report by Doctorow at the next branch meeting
- Preliminary report was presented by Doctorow on the need for a more effective organizational structure within the Forward Group. Doctorow moved that a steering committee be structured; discussion to continue at the next branch meeting.
- Boyd will send out the notice for next meeting highlighting the main topics of discussion
- Next meeting will take place either Mon., May 14 or Wed., May 16; Tomczak to be consulted.

m/c to adjourn at 10:40 p.m.

m/c to postpone May 4 Social Affair ^{at K.W + H.P.'s.} to May 26;
invite Steve Dankowich.

CHAIR: Darling SECRETARY: Boyd

ATTENDANCE: Darling, Boyd, Dowson, Doctorow, Kopyto; ill: Wilde, Tomczak

MINUTES: m/c to adopt minutes of April 30/84 as corrected

MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS

- Steve Dankowich has not yet phoned Dowson; Boyd will be contacting him re Solidarnosc defense and May 26 social
- Dowson & Boyd will make arrangements for preparation and notification of May 26 social
- Dowson met Cheryl S., but has not had a chance to talk with her; she will be going to Poundmaker May 22; we'll hope to have a discussion then; Doctorow has given Cheryl Intro to Capital, an intro to Trotsky and London's The Iron Heel to read
- Dowson attended the Socialist Workers Collective's May Day affair May 4; it was modestly attended (20-25), poorly organized and amateurish; The SWC has succeeded in fusing with the Toronto Lambertistes; the scheduled rep from U.S. Socialist Action and Roja didn't show; a Grenada defense activist spoke instead; in informal discussion, it was clear that these comrades have no understanding or perspective vis-a-vis the NDP and are not likely to become involved in the Left Caucus except to occasionally attempt recruitment
- in Forward distribution, all meetings Dowson covered were poorly attended including last weekend's OISE conference plenary session (20); Harry Paine reports, however, that the smaller class sessions were successful, as was Antiwar C'tee's lit table. Many now-veteran radicals were around and discussion tended to focus on how to orient to the working class; SWC's presence was prominent, aggressively circulating their press and attracting attention; Paine considers the Forward Group missed the ball by not being present; the Si Kahn concert attracted only 200

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORTS AND DISCUSSION

Report by Dowson on Circulation

- going over our subs, current and expired, reveals a clearer picture; we have to conclude that, with the loss of Wayne R., the paper went into a decline. We didn't move as a group to meet the situation but let the paper go, riding on our subs from the past. New subs weren't got as none of us did any sub work; as many persons moved, our sub base declined. However, our sub base is currently 200 with many good for another 5 to 7 issues.
- The frequency of the paper also declined with Wayne's leaving. There were 3 issues in 1981, when there had previously been 4 a year; 1982 saw 2 issues, 1983 only 1, and 1984 has now had 1. Comrades's high level of involvement in the NDP, which has become more than ever our overriding area of activity, partly explains why little has been done about the paper.
- While frequency declined, our press run increased, as did the number and size of our distributions. We have played up the RCMP suit much more, which to a considerable degree has helped sustain the paper.
- the loss of the bookstore -- our public face -- also affected the paper; we didn't choose to do anything about that either
- no bundles are any longer sent outside Toronto, except 1 to John Glenn
- We have also failed to maintain any effective correspondence since Wayne's leaving
- in sum, we failed to re-establish any effective operation under the paper; evidently, we now want to do this through an editorial board. With time and effort, we could pick up many renewals of expired subs, as many of these

- were with persons who are ongoing activists and with whom we are in touch
- financially, the paper doesn't keep separate finances, as this was proving too costly; the paper and Forward Publishing has a combined account

FINANCIAL REPORT (Darling)

- our regular monthly income is \$311.50 based on our pledge level. In addition, there are occasional donations; we have \$1,500 currently in the bank, but there is \$2,800 owing; we have about \$300 in credits, as some comrades have contributed more than they pledged
- our rent has been \$215 a month, which is our major expense, then there are office expenses and periodical subs
- a number of comrades are owing in pledges, some substantially; a couple of comrades have not been paying any pledges, which must be addressed
- the overriding problem has been the absence of a functioning Treasurer who is on top of comrades' pledges and payments
- m/c to strike off a functioning treasurer
- m/c to reinstitute dues of \$2.00 per month

EDITORIAL BOARD REPORT (Doctorow)

- Doctorow briefly reviewed the central importance of the paper to our work and to our existence
- we have had no functioning edit. board since even before Wayne's leaving; we must now rectify this situation
- the branch must collectively read and discuss each issue; each issue should be prepared through discussion led by the edit. board; we must re-establish comrades' specializing in particular areas of coverage; the paper ought to have a regularity and certain frequency
- it costs about \$1,000 an issue with a 5,000 run; that's with union typesetting and paste-up and with non-union printing; it would cost an additional \$300 to have it union-printed
- we should commit ourselves to a quarterly as a minimum
- in discussion, Dowson emphasized that a quarterly would be actually maximal for a serious, thought-out paper for a group of our size; moreover, he questioned whether we need anything more frequent for our purposes in this period
- actually, the political level of the paper has improved; it is more directed, more edited, more unified in content; however, this has been done at the cost of the time and energy of only one comrade; also, the spontaneity of the paper has suffered somewhat
- Dowson recommended that we combine the edit board and a steering committee as a political body directing the political life of the group; the editorial functions should be political rather than technical which can be assumed by a couple of individual comrades

FURTHER ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT by Doctorow

- to fulfil our longer term goal of building a democratic centralist organization, we need to take organizational steps now. Meetings must have worked out reports & educationals, presenting a political line and framework for discussion. We need a leadership structure to direct the work of comrades between branch meetings including the organizing of separate meetings of comrades where necessary in particular work areas. We must make the work of our group the result of a collective effort, not just the initiative of individual comrades
- the main responsibilities of the steering committee will be to organize the branch and to direct the paper;
- in discussion, Dowson raised the need for an organizer. While our desire

and eventual goal is to have a full-time organizer, we must have one now in any case. We might consider as well at some point a part-time staff person.

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- Boyd felt we should try to limit the size of the steering committee-editorial board to 3 and that the organizer should assume the functions of secretary with the committee and the branch
- MOTIONS FOR REFERRAL TO THE NEXT BRANCH MEETING;
- m/c to structure a combined editorial board and steering committee
- m/c to strike off an Organizer-Secretary and a Treasurer
- m/c to have a quarterly paper publishing in mid-August, mid-October, mid-January and mid-April
- m/c to have biweekly branch meetings at a regular time

ANTIWAR REPORT (Doctorow)

- the NDP Antiwar Steering Committee's May 5 meeting was very successful. It set in motion a proposal to involve the party in the Petition Caravan's June 3 Walkathon in a big way. A letter to the party from Bob Rae, Lynn Macdonald, Jack Layton and Wally Majesky is being prepared to encourage a vigorous and visible presence of ridings and individual members at the event
- next committee meeting is this Thursday; phoning is being done
- Rod Haddow of High Park riding is becoming more closely involved in the c'tee
- The committee is slated to present a report to the June 2 MTAC convention which we hope will stimulate a good and productive discussion

NDP REPORT (Doctorow)

- the LEFT CAUCUS is stagnating; Doctorow has taken the initiative to contact Tomczak, Wilde, Lois B. to meet this Thursday the 17th at lunch to discuss ~~xxxx~~ Tomczak's report to the upcoming Caucus ~~xxxx~~ steering c'tee meeting on May 24; Doctorow will inform Anne D. about this meeting
- Pascoe et al. seem to be moving to advocate putting forward an alternate slate at the convention; she herself has been endorsed by her riding to run
- in Scarborough, Richard Johnston is on a committee that is making a search for women candidates to run

SRDF REPORT (kopyto)

- Kopyto has got Laskin to agree to file papers in the small court action by the end of May
- on May 29, Roach will be in court representing us in laying charges against the RCMP

NEW BUSINESSES

May 16

- Boyd reported that he is meeting ~~xxxxxx~~ with Gilewski, head of the CLC Solidarity Information Office. He will be contacting George Latkiewicz and Steve Dankowich to discuss Solidarnosc defense

Next meeting: Monday, May 28

m/c to adjourn at 10:55 p.m.

CHAIR: Doctorow SECRETARY: Boyd

ATTENDANCE: Bacher, Dowson, Kasher, Kopyto, Tomczak, Doctorow, Boyd;
absent with reason: Wylde

Minutes: m/c to accept minutes of May 14/84 as information. It was decided not to adopt these minutes as they are open to misinterpretation.

Membership & Contacts:

- May 26 social was successful, about twenty attending, including a number of our contacts
- re George L.: he has expressed some interest in developments in the SWP in the U.S. It was agreed that we should be more forward in our relations with George.
- report by Dowson on Joe Flexer; discussion.
- notice of motion was carried to have a discussion at our next meeting on a series of classes for contacts.

- SRDF
- criminal charges against the RCMP, due to be heard in court today, were not; now due in two to three weeks time.
 - Roach was served with legal notice that Mc Murtry is now backing us in our attempt to lay criminal charges against the RCMP. Fuller discussion to follow at next meeting.
 - Mandel and Kopyto have filed motion ~~to~~ for the court to render a decision as to the Law Society's failure to act on motion to censure Kaplan
 - Dowson has applied to the NDP Convention organizers to have facilities to show RCMP on Trial at the convention

ORGANIZATIONAL DISCUSSION

- discussion on motion to establish a combined editorial board-steering ctee
- m/c to adopt a steering committee of three
- m/c that Dowson, Doctorow and Boyd constitute the steering committee
- m/c that Kasher be Treasurer
- m/c that an Organizational Secretary be recommended by the Steering committee to the next branch meeting
- report by Dowson on the new Forward Group headquarters
- m/c to refer to the steering c'tee the matter of the periodicity of branch meetings.

ANTIWAR REPORT (Boyd)

- NDP Antiwar C'tee is now into final week of preparation for the Petition Caravan Walkathon June 3; we have been able to involve some new people in the preparations
- Boyd will be speaking on behalf of the Antiwar Committee in ~~Wix~~ Utica N.Y. May 31 at a week-long series of protest events centered around the Griffiss Base and the Cruise missile; topic: international perspectives on disarmament

REPORT by Doctorow ON NDP YOUTH CONFERENCE

- discussion. It was agreed that we need to actively promote the regeneration of a youth organization within the party

MTAC CONVENTION REPORT 2 (Tomczak)

Board of Education

- question of accountability of the ~~city council~~ caucus is likely to come up; possibly the heritage language issue and also that of Bob Spencer
- it was agreed that we try to have the Bob Spencer issue raised and that through Dowson, we put a motion forward for MTAC to go on record to call for Spencer's resignation.
- report by Doctorow on the heritage language question

- m/c to support in principle the Heritage Language program and the NDP trustees' position on this issue in trying to accommodate the Teachers Federation's concerns within the framework of implementing the program

LEFT CAUCUS REPORT (Tomczak)

- the steering committee met *May 24* with only Ehring, Pascoe, Bedard and Tomczak in attendance
- a meeting was settled for June 14 to discuss the left caucus' intervention in the convention
- there will be an open steering committee meeting June 6 to discuss the caucus's intervention on resolutions and to prepare a statement for presentation to the Convention. *Bedard was assigned to draft this statement*
- *he meeting also* *Tomczak reported that* ~~it was~~ agreed to have a left caucus meeting at the convention
- two positions were advocated on the issue of a slate; Tomczak and Bedard called for the steering committee to organize an alternative slate; Ehring called for an ad hoc slate of six or seven to run on their own, Tomczak having been asked to be part of this group. Ehring was forced to back down
- Tomczak and Pascoe agreed ~~to undertake~~ to consult with others around the province for a consensus on specific proposals to be included in the statement for discussion June 6 and on specifics regarding a slate
- Doctorow and Kopyto will assist Bedard in preparing the draft statement; they will attempt to meet together June 4 or 5 over lunch

NEXT MEETING projected for June 12 (Tuesday)

m/c to adjourn at 11:25 p.m.

CHAIR: Kashur SECRETARY: Boyd

ATTENDANCE: Tomczak, Bacher, Kopyto, Dowson, Kashur, Darling, Doctorow, Boyd; absent with reason: Wilde
- m/c that Dowson speak with Piatti re his lack of involvement in the Group

MINUTES - m/c to adopt minutes of May 29 as amended

ORGANIZATIONAL REPORT (Boyd)

- m/c that Boyd be Organizational Secretary and that the Branch loan Boyd sufficient funds to purchase an answering machine
- m/c that Branch meetings be held every 2nd Monday beginning June 25 and where a branch would normally fall on the Monday of a long weekend that that week's branch be held the Wednesday immediately following

EDUCATIONAL REPORT (Doctorow)

- m/c to have a three-part class series on the Permanent Revolution
- m/c that classes be held July 13, July 20 and August 5, the first two to be held at Harry Kopyto's and the last at Camp Poundmaker
- m/c that Boyd, Doctorow and Dowson present the ~~new~~ classes
- m/c to have internal educationals on prominent current events and topics every second meeting
- m/c that Ross present the first such educational June 25

MTAC REPORT (Tomczak)

- 65 attended, the lowest in years. There was a good discussion of the heritage language issue in the education workshop. The setting up of a committee on caucus accountability was carried. The handling of Bob Spencer's actions and his party membership was disastrous from our point of view. Tomczak has meanwhile recommended dropping the matter of Spencer's membership and focussing instead on the issue of his nomination, calling for the withdrawal of Ward 6's nomination. Ward 6 has agreed to this as well as to nominating another candidate. A Ward 6 meeting June 21 will discuss the matter in full.
- further, more general and long-term discussion on MTAC and our involvement in it was referred to the steering committee

LEFT CAUCUS REPORT (Tomczak)

- Two key matters will come before the caucus meeting June 14:
 - 1) the left caucus statement to the convention. ^{a statement} ~~Robert~~ ^{Kopyto} has completed a second draft ^{draft} ~~version~~, while Wayne Roberts has put forward ~~that~~ had been presented without steering committee approval to the federal election planning committee. Roberts' document has been rejected by the steering committee.
 - Kopyto's ~~document~~ needs to be tightened further. Tomczak will meet with Bedard about presenting the statement to the caucus meeting June 14
 - 2) The alternative slate. It was recommended that we prepare a brief four-point program as the basis for left caucus endorsement of candidates, the points being For Socialism, For party democracy (leadership accountability), For a campaign party, For the shorter work week
- At the convention Left Caucus meetings must be well-organized and chaired. It was recommended that ~~have~~ the meetings be co-chaired. We should circulate both the statement and the manifesto issued to the federal convention. ~~inform~~ A forum ~~is~~ is being projected on the tasks before the left in the party and revitalizing the party. Richard Johnston has been approached as has Wayne Roberts to be on the panel.
- It was noted that comrades should be phoned and encouraged to be at the June 14 caucus meeting

FORWARD GROUP MEETING -- Mon., July 9/84

Convened at 8:25 p.m.

CHAIR: Darling SECRETARY: Boyd

ATTENDANCE: Tomczak, Dowson, Docotorow, Kopyto, Glenn, Darling, Bacher, Kashur, Boyd;
absent with reason: Wilde

Minutes: m/c to adopt the minutes of June 12 as read

MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS:

- M/C to grant Kopyto a leave of absence from July 24 to August 7
- report and discussion on the upcoming class series on the Road to Power

CONVENTION AND LEFT CAUCUS REPORTS AND DISCUSSION (Tomczak & Docotorow)

- Following the past 3 or 4 months when it ~~was~~ was uncertain whether ~~the~~ we would be able to carry the left caucus into the convention, the convention proved to be a positive experience for the caucus. We have moved beyond the point of merely sustaining the caucus and now face the possibility of actual growth. We have moved beyond factional debate. The steering committee has at last established its authority. Procedures have been established for settling differences on key issues.
- the caucus' next major task will be organizing a province-wide conference for the fall where we would begin to make preparations for next year's federal convention.

ANTIWAR COMMITTEE REPORT (Doctorow)

- the committee is having an editorial board meeting next Monday to plan the next issue of the committee's newsletter geared to the election campaign
- the committee needs to have discussions on Operation Dismantle's Nuclear Freeze initiative, on the question of nuclear power in relation to disarmament, and on how to improve the profile of the committee within the antiwar movement and within the party
- the committee's next meeting will be July 25 (Wed.) at which Kimberley will present a discussion on the federal party's International Affairs Committee position paper on foreign policy

REPORT AND DISCUSSION ON WAYNE ROBERTS ET AL'S SUIT AGAINST MCMASTER (Kopyto)

- it was agreed that Kopyto and Bacher should continue to work with Wayne and others in attempting to organize a campaign around the suit

SRDF REPORT

- the suit is going before the Supreme Court of Ont. August 13 with the government supporting our position that we can force one RCMP officer to testify against another Roach has moved in in a big way behind us
- re the small claims action: paper work will be filed by August 18 followed by a (further) six months waiting period

TREASURER'S report (Kashur)

- CBIC has a prepayment account whereby comrades could have their pledges deducted directly from their respective accounts monthly
- m/c to have Kashur open such an account
- our books are now up-to-date; Kashur and Docotorow agreed to go through the financial file cabinet drawers and put them in order

~~FORWARD REPORT~~ FORWARD REPORT: Editorial Board meeting is this Wed., July 11. All comrades interested in participating are urged to attend

CALENDAR

M/C to ADJOURN 10:50 P.M.

FORWARD GROUP MEETING - Monday, July 23, 1984

CHAIR: Wilde

SECRETARY: Boyd

ATTENDANCE: Wilde, Doctorow, Dowson, Boyd, Tomczak; absent with reason: Bacher

MEMBERSHIP & CONTACTS

- second class was attended by Cheryl, Eleanor, Angie, Lois, George and Steve.
- Doctorow will speak with Angie, Tomczak with Cheryl and Eleanor, about questions and ideas arising from the classes
- Tomczak will get a list of contacts from Dowson to phone about coming to Poundmaker

NDP: LEFT CAUCUS

- the steering committee met and, in spite of resistance from Ehring, agreed to hold a conference in Toronto the weekend of November 17. It was also agreed to hold an educational forum on the federal election on the evening of October 20 when the Provincial Council meets
- the caucus needs to bring in new people into the leadership, to engage in more activity. We must think through what we want to have happen at the conference.

ANTIWAR

- the committee is preparing to put out a newsletter for the election. We need to approach the party about financing it. Wilde will ~~also~~ check with Michael Lewis ~~about~~ whether there is a problem of having to consider funding for the newsletter as part of NDP expenditure on the election

SRDF - progress report by Dowson

FORWARD

- initial articles have been assigned and a new ~~1st~~ first draft deadline set for Monday, July 30

M/C TO ADJOURN

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP Sept. 24, 8:15 PM at 318 Richmond W.

Chair: Gord D.

Secret ary: John D.

Attendance: Bacher absent, D.Tomszak called in.

Membership & Contacts: M/C to approve buying of book for Kimberley on her departure to West Coast.

Ross reported on meeting of Polish Workers Revolutionary Committee and distribution of leaflet at Labor ~~Comm~~ Day parade M/C to approve funds for printing.

Report on Zane B., whom we will not encourage to be active outside ~~From~~ Forward Group while he is on leave of absence.

Report on Camp Poundmaker weekend for Thanksgiving. Harry K to give educational on the publication "Permanent Revolution in Nicaragua" .

NDP Ross reported on activity in St. George. Harry K reported Parkdale gearing up for provincial election.

Left Caucus inactive, no reaction to federal election.

Anti-War Cttee: Gord reported will try to pull together meeting to raise funds and mobilize for A Oct. 20 ~~anti-GM~~ demonstration.

RCMP : Harr K reported on criminal ~~case~~ case that Chief Justice will expedite appeal on Nov. 5 ~~for~~ to force Yarworski to appear. October 23 hearing will bring in RCMPer Taylor to testify.

On Small Claims case, no progress likely in immediate future.

A public meeting which will involve several prominent people such as Robinson, Heap, ~~and~~ Young and perhaps figures from CCCA will be organized for Nov. 5.

Poland: Dankovitch of the Solidarity Cttee impressed by leaflet which was distributed widely. Ross reported meeting last Sunday, discussion around aims of the Cttee, publication of articles.

Forward: Ross reported ~~that~~ that key articles are late.

Forward Group: Ross led off discussion on lack of sustained, co-ordinated areas of work for Group and the inadequacy of the Left Caucus as ~~a~~ the key area of work. Harry assigned to talk over problem with Dave T. and specifically to raise 1) meetings of LC, 2) discussion bulletin on federal election.

Adjournment:

Next Meeting; Oct. 10/84

(Duplicate)

Greetings to the revolutionary socialists gathering in Winnipeg over November 9, 10, and 11 with the aim of structuring a Trotskyist formation within a year or so.

Although we of the Forward Group have decided not to participate at this stage in your efforts to unify certain forces who consider themselves to be Trotskyists, we are fully supportive of your aim. Our decision arises from our determination not to take any action at this particular juncture that might result in making it even more difficult to advance to this necessary unification in the near future.

In our opinion the circumstances right now are not at all favorable to its success - this is particularly true insofar as the international factors that impinge on it. With regard to the situation in Canada we consider the three day conference premature.

We understand that the World Congress of the Fourth International is only months away. This congress will have to cope with the matter of its relations with the Socialist Workers Party of the United States on two grounds: (1) its rejection of the heart and soul of Trotskyism - the theory of the permanent revolution, and (2) its relations with those who have been expelled from the SWP for their opposition to this course taken by the SWP leadership. This is further complicated by the fact that these comrades are constituted in not one but two different groupings - the forces around Socialist Action and those around the 4th International Tendency. Furthermore the Fourth International has already a recognized section in Canada - the Revolutionary Workers League whose most prominent spokesmen have publicly identified themselves with the general line now being implemented by the SWP. We would hope that this situation which can only sow confusion in any gathering of Trotskyists in Canada at this time will become considerably clearer in the next few months.

While we have only a sketchy idea of the various grouplets and individuals invited to the Winnipeg conference we understand that they come from widely different backgrounds, and all the more that they are scattered in widely separate places across the country and have very little common ongoing working experiences with one another, in the union movement, in the New Democratic party, the various international solidarity formations etc. Regardless of the degree of agreement that we may find we have on what might be considered "fundamental principles" which can best be determined not in polemic or debate between "representatives" but by the groups and individuals themselves considering exchanged documents and publications, a common working experience, a working collaboration is critical. In our opinion this lack of proven ability to work together figured large in the recent LSA-RMG unification fiasco.

Since we understand that preparations for the gathering are well underway it would seem purposeless on our part to urge a postponement. We therefore express our hope, despite our reservations, that the conference succeeds to the extent that it marks progress on the way towards unifying the forces of Canadian Trotskyism.

The Forward Group
October, 1984

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FORWARD GROUP, Monday, Nov. 5, 1984 at 8:15 pm at HQ

Chair: Gord D., Secty: John D.

Present: Gord D., John D., Ross D., Harry K., Robert K.

Agenda: adopted as proposed.

Minutes: Minutes of previous meeting read as information. M/C that Harry K. be struck off to speak to John B. about presentation of minutes.

Membership & Contacts: Report on Angie Codina, who was talked to about membership. M/C that she be accepted at next meeting.

Educational: Ross on the Left Caucus. REad article to appear in next issue of Forward. Discussion. M/C that we attempt to restructure and revive the LC and put forward Harry K. and Robert K. as candidates for the steering committee at the next annual meeting. Further decided that Harry is to consult with Dave T. regarding other possible people we might wish to stand. Harry is to talk to Kir~~R~~ Robertson, Homily is to talk to Barry Weisleder.

Polish Work: Ross reported that that the activists around the Polish Solidarity Cttee have dropped work in the committee.

Anti-War Cttee: Gord reported on the last meeting and problem of involvement of members.

SRDF: Harry reported 1) ~~x~~ appeared before Justice of the Peace 2 weeks ago along with John Riddell and subpoenaed RCMP'ers.
2) RCMP appeal to delay defeated at Supreme Court of Appeal, lwhich puts us back before the JP where Jarworski must testify, in 2 weeks.
3) Harry showed CITY-TV video at Law Union Conference, where 50-60 saw it.
4) Tomorrow Copeland appears in the Buckbinder case.

New Business:

Tony Benn to speak in town Wed. Nov. 7th. Decided we should intervene in direction of **idea** of building left in NDP; Homily ~~week~~ to work out. Homily reported next week review.

Finances:

Nicaragua:

Gord reported Heap said he had to fight NDP caucus to ~~XXXXX~~ observe election.

Morgentaler

We should press to set up Defence cottee if he is found guilty.

Next Meeting:

Nov. 14 Monday. Educational by Homily on pornography and ~~x~~ censorship.

Adjournment:

10:45 pm

Adopted as read Dec 3/84

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP, Mon Nov ~~XX~~ 19/84 at 8:40 pm at HQ

Chair: John Bacher

Secretary: John Darling

Attendance: Dave Tomszac absent without reason. Angie C. and Harry K to be late.

Present: John D., John B., Ross D., Gord D., Robt Kasher

Membership: agreed to postpone.

Minutes: minutes of last meeting not available.

Correspondence: Ross read letter from Kimberley in Winnipeg reporting on Winnipeg Left Conference, and possibility of formation of left caucus in NDP there.

Membership: Gord welcomed Angie Codina into the branch as a member.

Educational: Robt Kasher on Pornography and Censorship.

NDP: Gord reported LC forum will be held in conjunction with federal council meeting, as will the LC annual general membership meeting. Only one right winger slated so far to speak at meeting. Discussion on Simon Blumenfeld's going over to a pro-NATO position. We will not support him for re-election and will mount campaign ~~a~~ for LC to actively oppose NDP swing to change anti-NATO policy.

Anti-War Cttee: Gord reported that Lynn McDonald has solicited an anti-NATO article from him.

Forward: Ross reported that current issue in final stages of preparation, and includes an article challenging the LC ~~km~~ leadership.

Calendar: read

Next Meeting: Dec. 3, 2 weeks Monday. M/C to have educational on How to debate NATO issue.

Adjournment: at 10:50 pm.

Adopted as read Dec. 3/84

MINUTES OF FORWARD GROUP - Dec. 3/ Monday, at 8:45 PM

Chair: Harry Kopyto
Secretary: John Darling

Attendance: Bob K., John B not able to be present, Dave. T. expected but absent.
Present: Harry K., John D., Ross D., Angie C., Gord D.

Membership & Contacts: Ross reported conversation with Dave T.

Minutes: of previous meeting Nov. 5th and Nov. 19 adopted as read.

Correspondence: Ross read letter from John Bacher re books available on NATO and Canada's role in it.

Educational: Harry K. on how to argue the question of Canada's getting out of NATO and defending the party's position in the upcoming debate.

Future Educational: M/C to have an extended educational on the Left Caucus next week as a report and evaluation of the upcoming Provincial council meeting.

Left Caucus: Gord reported on developing NATO debate, which will open at Prov. Council with Simon Rosenblum and another speaker taking a position for revision of NDP policy to one of accepting Canadian role in NATO, and Dan Heap and a member of the Anti-War Cttee, who will be T Gord, defending present policy. Heap uncertain about role, we are to contact and provide material. Separate schools issue: Gord called Malcolm Buchanan about NDP debate, he has responded and will set up OSSTF lit table.
~~WE~~ Decided to press for meeting of LC Steering Cttee at council meeting to consider running candidates for 2 open positions.

Anti-War Gord reported on committee meeting, which is not able to organize for a forum at this time.
Ross reported TDN conventionn poorly attended but details of meeting not known.

RCMP - SRDF: Harry reported things developing: tomorrow Yarworski x slated to appear before Justice of Peace where probably case will finally proceed. Also, Feb. 8 has been set as the date for the Small Claims Court Appeal.

Forward: M/C to postpone discussion because of late hour.
Two small distributions have been carried out, one at Postal Workers meeting.

Calendar: read

Next Meeting: Dec. 17.

Adjournment: 10:45 PM

Minutes Forward Group (Toronto) December 17, 1984

Attendance- Ross, Gord, John B., Dave, John D

^absent with known reason- Harry K, Angie G

Chairperson--Gord D, secretary Ross.

Minutes of previous meeting not available due to lateness of John D

Correspondence- Communique on Winnipeg conference of November 9-11 on the founding of the Alliance ~~for~~ Socialist Action, designated as an alliance of supporters of the Fourth International in English Canada.

~~discussed~~ read and discussed

Report on the Left Caucus and the Ont NDP provincial council meeting over December 8-9 by ~~John D~~ Ross

The debate which will be the critical one at the summer NDP Ottawa convention opened up at the ~~Saturday~~ ^{Sunday} provincial council meeting which allocated 1/2 hour plus to a debate between Gord D and Dan Heap defending the party's official position of Canadian withdrawal from the North Atlantic Treaty Organization and Simon Rosenblum and ~~Kayshyn~~ ^{Kayshyn} supporting the position now known to be that of the Broadbent leadership for the dumping of the party's opposition to Canadian membership in the military alliance. In many ways this was a public declaration by Rosenblum of his repudiation of the position that he had been long publicly identified with and with the Left Caucus which put its opposition to the NATO military alliance up front in both its federal declaration of purpose and in its declaration to this summer's Ontario NDP convention. Doctrow representing the NDP Anti-war committee and Dan Heap made an effective case with the former exposing Rosenblum from his own writings much to the amusements of the delegates and the embarrassment of Rosenblum. It was not possible to get a consensus of the council delegates and no time was allocated for questions and discussion. but it appeared that Doctrow and Heap had majority support. The discussion arranged by the Left Caucus for the noon-hour break on the federal election campaign was postponed so that the delegates could rally on the Eaton picket line until the close of the council meeting. It was held immediately ~~following~~ ^{the} the final session in the form of a panel addressed by George Ehring and Jo Surich ~~(surich)~~ Ehring's view was essentially that expressed in the current issue of Forward. Surich who considered policy irrelevant (subsumed by established consensus) was largely ignored by the discussion carried vigorously by various activists in the left Caucus particularly Forward Group supporters. Attendance was about 40 and included some prominent right wingers. We were unable to open up discussion on the funding of the Catholic schools despite attempts to do so. The question of the shorter work week referred by the convention did not come up when the leadership imposed a lengthy budget report. The Left Caucus meeting projected for the Sunday evening was called off by those attending because of the failure of many to get their notice including Gandle of Ottawa ~~and~~ the confusion of location and poor attendance, however several members of the steering committee in attendance agreed to a meeting open to other members of the Caucus to prepare the Toronto and the Ontario-wide left caucus work for the coming year

Report on the conference founding an alliance against US intervention and Canadian Complicity in Central America. held on the U of T campus at the same time as the NDP provincial council meeting. Kasher reported that it was very successful attended by approx 130 persons with apparently good connections., he identified himself with the Left Caucus. Weisleder of the ASA played a key roll. The meeting is preparing an April action to coincide with actions in the U.S. and elsewhere. It was agreed that the NDP Left Caucus and the anti-war committee would firmly identify with the ~~alliance~~ ^{alliance}

~~alliance~~ Membership and contacts

Report by Gord on correspondence with Winnipeg. It was agreed that we recommend that Kimberly move out in the direction of congealing a Manitoba Left Caucus

Dec 17, 1984 minutes ctd

Gord and Roz are making their home available for a new year's affair. to which we are inviting close contacts

Discussion on Left Caucus . It was agreed that the Left Caucus at its coming conference should publicly dissociate itself from Simon Rosenblum and his position that he has now publicly declared, ~~XX~~ support of NATO - on the grounds that this is the most clearly defined position of the Left Caucus both in its federal convention 1983 Manifesto and in its ONDP Manifesto and that we consider this a fundamental question which commits the Left Caucus to a critical struggle against the leadership in the coming Ottawa convention. Motion that we attempt to expand the steering committee to include a committee to arrange and promote its educational activities and other defined posts, in particular a treasurer and a secretary - agreed.

New Business- preparations for MTAC Feb 22-24. Ross reported on discussion that erupted at St. George annual meeting when he raised queries about Ward 6 Aldermen Layton, Martin and Alderman Reville deal over Bank of NS violation of city ~~plan~~ plan. Along with the Spencer sell-out a very discreditable action. Agreed that we raise this at the coming MTAC convention if possible under the report on accountability on the grounds that the convention disapproves of the ~~secret~~ deal in violation of the city plan and made in secret and urges those implicated admit to a grave error in judgement- agreed

Paper distribution--- has had an excellent reception--need to be informed of any important meetings- particularly autoworkers.

New meeting the first ~~Thursday~~ after New Years -Jan 3
adjourned

MINUTES OF GROUP MEETING

in Toronto, January 14, 1985

Chairperson: John B.
Secretary: Harry K.

Present: Harry, Ross, Gord, Angie, John B.

MINUTES: January 3 minutes recorded and adopted without amendment.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTRACTS:

Reports on Anne Dowson who is active in Women's League for Peace and Freedom.

EDUCATIONAL:

Ross presented an analysis of the democratic elections in Nicaragua last November: Ross characterized the elections as a major breakthrough for socialist democracy which the Forward Group with exceptions fail to follow closely enough.

ANTI WAR:

Report on T.D.N. Meeting of approximately 60 people. M/C to assign Angie to work in NDP anti war committee.

NDP

(i) Left Caucus

January 29. The NDP Left Caucus meeting to elect a new steering committee will be held on January 29. We want to elect Bob Kasher, Harry Kopyto, Dave T. and Lois B. to stand. Gord will make a presentation on the attack on the NDP's Anti-Nato Policy.

(ii) M.T.A.C.

Report by Dave. Friday evening will consist of a panel on the NDP's role in municipal politics. Dave Tomzack will give a President's Report to be followed by three workshops on

- (i) putting people first
- (ii) investing in our communities
- (iii) excellence in education.

A planary session will be held in the afternoon after caucus' reports on Saturday morning. The theme of accountability will be discussed among other issues. Executive elections and a discussion of municipal strategy will follow. No one wants to run for Mayor. Dave T. will not be running for MTAC chairman.

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Approaches should be made to see if Ed Ziemba might run for Mayor.

S.R.D.F.

We will plan to have an S.R.D.F. social at Sabina's on March 2, 1985.

NEW BUSINESS

Next branch meeting, February 28.

FORWARD GROUP MEETING

January 28, 1985

Chairman

Harry K.

Attendance:

John B., Dave P
late: Angie Codina

Minutes:

Minutes of last meeting unavailable

Memberships &

Contracts:

Ross reported in various contracts including those met at showing of "10 days that shook the World".

SRDF report by Harry Kopyto on likelihood of criminal charges being laid by end of February. Ross reported on Small Claims action to appear in Appeal Court on February 8, 1985

NDP Left

Caucus:

Discussion confirmed decision to expand steering committee and add Harry and Bob and a treasurer to steering committee of Left Caucus.

Decision was made to ensure new left caucus executive would prepare anti-NATO document for left caucus conference and contact other anti-NATO groups in NDP and provide speakers for riding association.

MTAC:

Report by Dave T. on resignation from M.T.A.C. and likelihood of Adams being candidate. ~~for a long time~~

Report by Harry K. on Parkdale membership meeting on MTAC mayoralty issue

NDP Anti-War

Committee:

Report by Gord on NDP Anti-War forum for need for independent anti-war policy. Report by Gord on mock parliamentary session held by women's group.

NDP Women's

Committee:

Report by Dave T., conference will be on prostitution We should prepare anti-NATO statement for conference in February.

Calendar read: Next meeting to be February 12, 1985 at 8:30 p.m.

M/c to hold meetings on regular basis on Tuesday nights at 8:30 PM.

Meeting

Adjourned:

10:50 p.m.

Adopted as amended Feb 12/85

MINUTES OF MEETING OF FORWARD GROUP - Feb. 12/85 at 8: 30 PM

Chair: Homily

Secretary: John D.

Attendance: Dave. T. late; present: Homily, John D., Angie C., Ross D., John B., Gord D., Harry K.

Minutes: Minutes of Jan. 14 adopted as amended.

Minutes of Jan. 28 adopted as read.

Membership & Contacts: Gord reported correspondence from Kimlerley in Winnipeg and functioning of NDP anti-war Cttee and labor peace work there.

Socialist Rights Defence Fund

Civil case: Ross reported he and Harry appeared before Supreme Court judge where RCMP appeal was finally dismissed.

Small Claims Court case also to proceed by month end.

Educational:

Harry K. on the NDP leadership document advocating revising party's anti-NATO position. Their rationale is that to de-nuclearize NATO and influence its course, Canada should join. Discussion on our arguments and intervention against this weak document and assessment of our chances of defeating it.

General: Homily reported on Toronto Anti-Intervnetion Coalition which is ready to mobilize if Nicaragua crisis develops.
Ross reported on a meeting by Foreign Affairs Committee at Spadina NDP with a speaker on Nicaragua, well attended.
Gord reported on March 18 Anti War Cttee to hold debate between Heap and Derek Blackburn on NDP policy on NATO - Left Caucus to aid in organization.

Left Caucus: Dave T. reported on money-raising functions to be held. Homily reported that date has been set for LC Conference as ~~xxxx~~ March 30th. A forum panel on NATO issue to be held Friday March 29th with Heap, Bob Penner, Angela Browning and Gord participating.. 2 mailings to be done to promote this event.
Also reported on Glove and Mail ad campaign which is planned for ~~xx~~ other publications also, in the form of an Open Letter from the peace movement to the NDP.

NDP ANTI-WAR CTTEE: Gord reported ~~ed~~ on May 9th forum planned at OISE on an Independent Foreign Policy for Canada with Johnson and Jewett to speak, with Bob White sought as well. Cttee is paying off debts.

NDP _ new Business: Gord reported that because of his strong position against funding Catholic schools and in defence of the public school system, he had been invited to stand as NDP Candidate in York Mills, with the support of that ~~xxx~~ riding. Has consult-ed OSSTF leaders, who maintain support though Stephenson has resigned from Education portfolio. Discussion, M/C to refer question to next Branch meeting.

~~MTAC~~ MTAC Motion will be put to call upon Party to freeze its support for Separate School funding, not to advance this position until after the court challenge.

New Business: Homily reported Eaton striker demonstration and takeover of shopping mall. Bigger mobilization planned March 2nd.

Calendar: read

Next Meeting: 2 weeks, Tuesday Feb. 26th

Adjournment: 11:45 pm

Minutes of meeting of the Forward Group March 26, 1985 at 8:40

chairperson - Kasher

Attendance- Kasher, Dowson, Harry K, Angie G., Dave T., Gord D, John B, John I

Minutes; Draft of February 27 meeting read by Bacher

Minutes of March 14 read and adopted

Correspondence; We have received a copy of Talking Socialism, subtitled Newsletter of the Socialist Network-a group of independent socialists whose activities we have previously reported on -they reject our NDP orientation- among them are Ian Kellogg, Jerry Hunnius, ex-Forge, ~~ex-En~~ Luttholding a public gathering on March 28

Notice of Camp Poundmaker opening on the long weekend of
May 18- 20th- everyone invited

Information report on Kasher's trip to Ottawa. Marv and Anne are coming in . It would appear that the NDP brass misinterpreted or misread the influence of Rosenblum in the Left Caucus and are no doubt surprised at his isolation on proposal that the party drop its anti-NATO position and favor's going in to reform it. The International Affairs Committee which has been used by the leadership to put forward this revision will be meeting in Mid-April to make a recommendation to the federal leadership re- action at the coming convention. Opposition appears to be mounting

Socialist Rights Defence Fund- Still no date set for court appearance.

Report on Social- fairly good attendance. It would appear that notice went out too far in advance and the program would have been considerably improved if there had been preliminary preparation

Educational- on the Zundel trial-- resulted in a wide-ranging and tense discussion thatbit was agreed to carry forward to the next meeting

NDP Left Caucus Toronto area convention appears to be going ahead favorably with Friday night meeting at Medical Science auditorium, Saturday convention at B of E building and social at Fall-out shelter. Harry K's contribution to Rosenblum debate will be circulated at the auditorium. The Steering Committee will be meeting on Thursday n'te.

ONDP Provincial council meeting report by Bacher. largely concentrated on Ontario election report

Kasher reported on his intention to protest the Kirzner report in NOW on the Spadina Heap-Rosenblum debate

Next meeting Tuesday April 9--educational-continue the Zundel discussion-discussion on Doctorow campaign should he get the nomination as seems certain.

Meeting adjourned

Minutes of Forward Group- November 15, 1985 (1985)

Chairperson--- Bedard

Minutes of November 6, 1985 adopted as read.

Attendance- Ross, Harry, David, Bacher, Diane- absent, Esther, Gord, Darling, Bob Kasher. Angie.

Left Caucus--- Report on publicity for Conference. Distribution of notice at election campaign celebrations uneven due to general defeat suffered by NDP. Ross reported good reception at Ward 6 which was a victory celebration for election of slate. He managed to inject idea of Layton running for mayor. Several teachers active around New Democrats for Preservation of Public education pleased with distribution-one injecting idea that NDP could have won provincially if it had taken an opposition stand, modest success in High Park through Bedard. Phone lists being prepared by Dave to build Friday and Sunday meetings

Dave reported on continued discussions about slate for next years Ontario convention. Marv Gandall moderating his concepts--wont be a full slate or around a worked out program agreed upon program-it wont be a Left Caucus slate either - Thring doesn't want Left Caucus endorsement -The Left Caucus will identify itself with the list-xxxxxx which has yet to be built up and around three or four issues around which we attempt to mount support and struggle for. As things stand now Judy Rebick will contest the presidency and Marv Gandall the treasurer. With these two candidates plus others who may move out the Left will challenge the party leadership. With the Friday meeting on public funding of Catholic high schools featuring Malcolm Buchanan along with Gord and Diane we hope to build up the conference. Dave is preparing a report for the all day Saturday conference which will outline the situation as the Left Caucus sees it--our challenge to the Rae leadership in terms of an action program around key issues of struggle--the shorter work week--, solidarity with Nicaragua, Support for Morgenthauser and the problems posed by the accord with the Liberal party. We hope in the process of electing a new steering committee to widen it with new and young elements. Marv will report on the preparations for mobilizing support behind the nucleus of our contest with the leadership. Diane reported on the struggle for the preservation of public education. The coalition is very much in the hands of the OSSTF and the church groups and appears to be collapsing--- The New Democrats committee will be meeting this coming Thursday to evaluate where the struggle is at and the way ahead

Municipal election- The defeat suffered by the party federally and provincially extended onto the municipal plane--particularly in Toronto--On the B of Education level the NDP suffered a real setback. The Johnson campaign which extended the opportunistic rot expressed in the accord with the Liberals on the provincial plane onto the municipal plane so that on top of the NDP's failure to provide an organizational centerpiece for its municipal campaign it also provided no political leadership and in fact pulled the rug from under the party's efforts. Layton expressed his view in the GM that the answer is to move into community organizing and completely evade the political challenges and lessons. Next meeting slated for November 29

Minutes Toronto Forward Group March 25, 1986

Meeting called to order -- Angie in the chair
attendance- Harry, Angie, John D. Ross D, Bill C, Gord, David, Diane
Minutes of March 11 read and adopted as read
Membership and contacts- Gord reported on discussion he had with Betty-Jane
 Anthony and proposed that she be placed on live contact list-agreed. Motion
 that we hold a social on April 12-agreed. Motion that Sabina be approached
 about holding in in her home--agreed. ~~Everyone~~ to bring something.

Educational by Ross on the decline of Forward with the long abbinge of the
 radicalization, the exhaustion of its sub base and the weakening of
 our forces. Even without any fulltime staff which is essential for a serious
 socialist press we published 51 issues. In the latter period the Dowson suit
 and the SRDF capaign carried the paper politically. The NDP failed to pro-
 vide us with a milieu but on contrary germinated a contestant Nonprogramatic
 Agenda-based around some CLC labor college scholastic petty bourgeois types. Now afte
 several years of the Eeft Caucus the challenge of a socialist press is rising.
 before us again. Not another version of Forward which came out of the degen
 eration of the LSA but a new paper that comes out of the experience of the
 Left Caucus and the new forces in the trade unions. We should be undertaking a
 patient and careful prepatation of this paper. We should not be setting a dead
 line but should be thinking about it, preparing ourselves, we should be readin
 g and studying International Viewpoint - the Left Caucus forums development
 could play a key role is preparing the milieu for this future paper which
 could take some leads from the early Healyite paper which forged connections
 with the Bevanite forces.

Anti-KCMP suite--- Ross reported on the ~~XXXXXX~~ article that appeared in the
 March 22 issue of the Saturday Magazine Star. In the next couple of days 6-7
 persons phoned in to express support. The authorexpressed disappointment with Star
 editing. Harry reported on actions being taken against him by the Law
 Society. The Harry Kopyto Defence Committee through mailings of brochure and
 phone calls is building up for a very successful social affair designed to
 raise funds. It will be held on Saturday April 5 at Charles Roach's home.
 Supporters are planning to distribute Kopyto brochure to the Queen's Park
 protest against extra billing, on Friday 4th
NDP-- report provincial council meeting-- and opposition' to top brass' ex-
 pulsion of long time and leading member Lee for his running in the
 provincial elections against Catholic HS funding against official NDP
 candidate. Report of NDPers for Preervation of Public Education.
Report on Activist Party Campaign. and its inevitable tendency to build up
 credibility of Left Caucus

Left Caucus public forum - preparation well along- cant afford a mailing but
 poster being done along Bloor and elsewhere and notice is going into
 the Labor Council mailing

Next meeting to be held on April 15--educational on NDP anti-war policy
 to be given by Gord--motion to invite Zane to the educational--passed.
 adjourned

See attached list & comments

(See attached list & comments)

March 22/86

phone calls provoked by Star article on
Dowson

a Toronto man named Fife phones to say he agrees with everything said in the article - is sending off a letter to me + will drop around to see me

~~the man~~ name Mian phoned ~~a Pakistani~~ - recently been on the research staff of the NS NDP - graduate of Dalhousie - sees a complex conspiracy at work RCP + Masons (capitalists?)

Fred Kahanke of Sarnia phoned in - he used to come to book stores when at Yonge + Bloor - Old workers Union staff - lives at 1840 London Rd in Sarnia N7T 7H2 - would like Harry to consider taking a case involving RCMP harassment - will write Harry - wants ~~to~~ to get quant HK knows that hockey is no good + Copeland - a dup of McKimley RCMP - Port Hasting police in Sarnia

Taylor - older man retired, knew me when we were occupying ~~the~~ off old Star Bldg on King - had a business in one of the rooms - knew Bob Gray's father - been following the Dowson saga - thought the Star article very friendly - now winters near Beluga - phoned to express solidarity + friendship - lives on several acres outside Guelph?

- letter from Montreal - Krian

by Scott Fife came over 60's friend of one of Bud's family
He invited her to visit me or come to Left Caners Rally - like the article

Keep

Minutes of the Toronto Forward Group for June 26, 1986

Chairperson Jeff--secty-Ross

Minutes of previous meeting read and adopted as read

Attendance- Bill C, Ross D., Harry K, Jeff S., Ester B., Gord D, Diane M.

Membership and contacts- Ross Assigned to have a discussion with John B with a view to strengthening our contact and working relationship with him Two new personsshould be broughtto the attention of the comrades with a few to bringing them closer to us- Steve Shorter of York Mills NDP, he has a very open relation with us, very helpful in every area of our work at the Hamilton convention and should be attracted to a class or social: Bruce Manson is a member of the Oakwood NDP, has been in the NDF for almost a decade and is employed at the Kopyto law office

Extended report by Diane on the conflict in York Center NDP

Class
Guy Poundmaker
Tony Aguiar -

more to come

Minutes

Memo, g + context

Ester report on Steve Shorter
Bruce Manson
Tony Aguiar

6 in attendance

Ross Ester
Harry
Aguiar

Educational - Chernobyl

Ross made statement Chernobyl proved red too great
if possible - what is probably 1 in 10,000

Beyond moratorium - control - disaster
anti - threat - anti Soviet - fight now - under capital
Socialism

dismile red back - further East - impossible much
Soviet has units shouldnt have developed USSR (Cyprus) with
nuclear bomb

much better -
what's really happening -
don't know
in the day process -
but with to bring in a safety

Motion RD 1 - Class -

problems of parliament socialism - Popular Front
where power lies in NDP - X per cent convention

Contacts + ourselves - if NDP came to power electorally how do we see
Elements - Michael - Ralph - and Convention (2) -
Gord Bell -
Camp - refused -
Gord Aguiar, Diane, Harry, Bill C

Last weekend.

(2)

Cap. part - Larkin accepted

Levyger - Lee Zaslavsky deserted in trap -

Coordinating Cttee - CAP - who you know at the top
Judges & lawyers where they are - total capitulation Heag + Larkin
need Heag - don't need Larkin
Anne Berell tried to raise - Judy tried to shoot her down

Roll of unionists - Steel brass didn't attend

VAW White not in big
Jeff Rose - CUPE - Jeff Rose - CUPE

- York Mills -

- 1001 Canes -

- NDP PE
Court judge

Unified school boards -

Prayer - allowable -

Ethnic Women's Cttee Executive - lack of procedure, funeral affairs
regular books

York Mills - Rudy reconstituted
all stay together as a group to Armadale -
Gord could take provincial
with war legs Canes

Aug 27 - Ray -
Legal Deface split - pressure on Hay to accept deal - comments not refer to Zuber
Leeger Mandel - for ante Cross Road - Kellerman
Capland - Confront then of necessary -

1 - 2 - 3 - Survival at stake - Peterborough meet
lose - minimal - me in 500 fine
won't let off on some
consequences not sign

Can't lose cause of politics - ult. happen in court
Criminal record - lose - law society - disbar

Mandel - counter proposal - from Harry -
David - Scott's deal - politics of it - what is Harry guilty of -
sometimes to represent society - Win more than court

Zuber - Zuber -
Zuber - slant of loss -
move - Harry - 2 1/2 weeks -

Next meet 29th July - Jeff Bell

Bell - 850 Iron Heel

MINUTES: THE FORWARD GROUP, TUES, MARCH 24/ 87

Attendance: Ross, Gord, Dianne, Dave, Bill, Bob, Harry, John D.

- Membership - Contacts: - moved/carried: that a nominal \$1 per member, per month dues system be put into effect
- moved/carried: - that members who can and want to can pledge more
 - moved/carried: - that Dianne Meaghan be the new treasurer replacing Bob Kasher
 - moved/carried: - that Bill Clinton be the new secretary, replacing Ross Dowson (with roles of organizer/secretary as one)
 - notice: - Ross has turned the funds from the old Socialist Rights Defence Fund over to the (new) Harry Kopyto Defence Fund (\$300 roughly)
 - comrades received from Ross their subscriptions to International Viewpoint, which will be of aid to the Group in the new re-organization of Forward's meetings, with the new emphasis on education of cadres (note: I.V. is the English-language publication of the United Secretariat of the Fourth International, the largest international organization in the Trotskyist movement, and regular study of it is important in order to keep abreast of current affairs and the views of Trotskyists internationally)
 - moved/carried: that we move our files from our present headquarters at Action Print to Ross's new apartment, once he moves there, as comrades feel we are too small at present to need to retain a \$100 a-month H.Q. when we could easily fit into a room in someones house/appt.
 - moved/carried: - that we find another place for the files if Ross's apartment is too small
 - moved/carried: -that we retain our Post Office box, as other socialist organizations do, in order to receive any correspondence sent to Forward

NDP Federal Convention: (report by Dianne)

- convention assessed as slick media operation with the party leadership taking credit for the party's current high rate of popularity
- party leadership/press hype was strong and effective
- "A very non-political convention, from the point of view of revolutionary socialists."
- NATO/NORAD, abortion rights, 35-hour work week, none of these came up as topics of any import, none made it to the floor
- ex-comrade John Bacher made a good call from the floor for discussion of Canada's exporting of nuclear by-products
- as of the second day, the Quebec NDP delegates made a deal with the party leadership, and let the Left Caucus members there know about it
- the deal the Quebec delegates made was a weak one, with the result being the recognition of Quebec as "a distinct

....society", but no recognition of it's right to national self-determination, and certainly no recognition of it's place as an oppressed nation within Canada.

-Left Caucus intervention was modest but effective, with members organizing two meetings, one on the Friday night, with Judy Rebick speaking on the abortion issue, and one for that Sat. night, with Claire Bressard, Quebec NDP vice-president speaking on "What the Quebec NDP Wants".

-Bressard did not show up, having made that deal with the Federal party brass, but a small group of Quebecois leftists did attend, and they spoke, making contact with us, and making it clear that they identify with the Left Caucus.

-Forward comrades worked well with Rebick and Weisleder, and credit should go to all parties for their effort.

*-Dave informed us that Rebick will be resigning from the Left Caucus Steering Committee, and all NDP activities, citing ill-health as the reason.

Harry Kopyto Defense Committee:

-Harry predicts a Judge's panel split 3 to 2, in one way or the other -whichever side loses will certainly appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada (Appeals)

- the case is now reserved for four to six months

-the Committee now has recieved \$3,500 so far from various members of the Criminal Lawyers Association

- Harry has been speaking at numerous venues to various audiences and the press cover the case daily (he just finished speaking at the University of Ottawa)

- Dick Fidler, now a lawyer, has agreed to write a response to Marion Cohen's viscious article on Harry in Canadian Dimension magazine, defending him. (Fidler was a member of the opposition in the old League for Socialist Action, later getting expelled from the Revolutionary Worker's League)

Ross Dowson Case:

-slated for June and July, -an appeal of Judge Marvin Zucker's decision against Ross's suit of the RCMP for slander

Jimmy Pitaro Case:

- Pitaro an ex-client of Harry's, (a cocaine dealer allegedly) whom the RCMP tried to get to set Harry up - Gord Frith, a

Private Investigator who works for Harry contacted Pitaro on behalf of the RCMP. Pitaro exposed Frith to Harry and the media, saying he " would rather be dead than rat or set someone up".

-Frith has confessed, confirming that the RCMP has been using him to infiltrate Harry's office and implicate him in illegal activities. Harry will be suing, it being illegal to infiltrate a lawyer's office and to employ his employees or recruit his clients to smear him.

Educational: Dave on The revolutionary situation in the Phillipines, next meeting on April 7 will be date for that

Minutes: Forward Group, Toronto, Tues. April 7/87

Attendance: Ross, Harry, Gord, Diane, Dave, Bill, Angie, Jeff (Bob K. and John D not here, Angie chaired)

Minutes and Correspondence: B. Weisleder's article has appeared in International Viewpoint, dealing with Ottawa Summit with Reagan and Mulroney. Ross has written to United Secretariat of Fourth International, protesting the articles line. Ross went on to explain the current Canadian Auto Worker/United Food and Commercial Workers trade union-"raiding" disputes.

*Minutes adopted as information

Membership and Contacts: Bill brote to the group's attention a live contact in his NDP Riding Association, one Ayoub Ali, who used to be "very active" in his native Trinidad. He has lent Ali two books, The Iron Heel (Jack London) and The Black Jacobins--we should see where Ali is going soon. (the latter work by C.L.R. James. Trotskyist of note at one time.

-Harry proposed a social for our milieu, to consolidate it, possibly around the theme of a going-away party for ex-comrade Harry Paine, who is going to Winnipeg.
moved/carried:- that we will have a social at Harry's/Angie's place, to consolidate our milieu, early in May, on a Saturday night. There must be a mailing to these people (Ross will do that, while Harry will organize the entertainment and food)

-Charles Roach:- Harry reports that we can function fairly well in activity with Roach, "but he is not about to be recruited to us in the near future, as he is involved in that C.P. popular front-organization, C.O.P.E., which is an anti-NDP formation."-we are going to invite Roach to our social and will try to get him to read some of our literature.

-Ross says that it is clear that Harry/Angie have done no real work on Roach, and that we want serious contact work done on him, not impressionistic reports on him.

- Bill notes that he has talked to former members of the Canadian Party of Labour (ex-Maoist, now pro-Albanian group) and found out that Roach used to be one of them.

-Dave notes that it is natural for Roach to be around the C.P. as they are the dominant radical organization in the Black community in Toronto, and Roach is the leading Black radical lawyer in Canada, and one of the leading Black radicals in Canada.

- Steve Shorter: -(secretary of Willowdale Riding NDP)
Gord reports that Shorter considers himself a Marxist of a sort, and he is running for the candidate's spot for that riding, and has asked for Gord and Dianne's endorsement.
-he has come to the socials and classes we have given
-he appears to be moving to left,
moved/carried: That we invite Roach and Shorter to the social and press them to read our literature

NDP business:

- a provincial council meeting was held last week-end, no Forward cadre were able to attend
- Jeff requested that Dianne become more active in Willowdale NDP, where he is -Dianne explained that, while she has moved to that riding, she still has commitments to Markham NDP where she is the provincial council
- moved/carried: that the comrades involved must mete and sort out the matter to the best of their liking (possibly include Esther Bissoon, who is in Willowdale)

Left Caucus: -up-coming forum on "PLANT CLOSURES" to have Ross as speaker as well as speakers from the Rubber and Auto workers, possibly Electrical as well

- the newsletter not come out, as the people in London are too busy to work with us on it.
- moved/carried: that we will leave the question of whether or not to hold more L.C. forums or put out a new issue of the newsletter to the Left Caucus Steering Committee meeting tomorrow night.

Educational: Dave Tomczak on the Revolutionary Situation in the Phillipines

-next cadre meeting on Mon, April 20/87

FORWARD: TORONTO CADRE MEETING

MONDAY, APRIL 20, 1987

ATTENDANCE:

-Gord, Ross, Harry, Dianne, Bill

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MINUTES:

-adopted as "Information".

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

-Dianne reported that Harry Paine had consented to be present for the Forward Social on Saturday, May 2.

-Gord and Dianne reported a "blow-up" with Esther at a meeting of the Left Caucus Steering Committee over what role, if any, Dianne should play in the Willowdale Riding Association.

-Gord moved that Dianne would call a meeting with Esther (to include Gord, Steve Shorter and Jeff) to determine what role Esther will play in that riding.

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS:

-Bill reported further correspondence from Neil Fettes, who asks how he can play a role in the Left Caucus.

carried that Bill should try to bring Fettes onto the Left Caucus Steering Committee.

carried that Bill should, if possible attend that O.N.D.Y. Conference in Kingston (May 9 and May 10).

-Bill reported that the leaders of the Bolshevik Tendency had requested an audience with him where they attempted to recruit him.

NEW BUSINESS:

carried that Forward should hold Public classes and that an Educational Committee be struck off to plan them, as a way to further reach

our contacts.

/carried: that Harry and Bill are elected as the Committee.

-possible topics: The Place of Marxism in History, The Chinese Revolution, The Struggle of the Canadian Union Movement, The Question of Reform of the Soviet Union, The Free Trade Question.

N.D.P. ANTI-WAR COMMITTEE:

-Harry Paine, co-chair, retiring and moving to Manitoba.

-Bill designated to get the money from Harry to have the Committee's Canada out of NATO/ NATO Out of Canada button reprinted for the Saturday, April 25 ACT for Disarmament demonstration at 12:00 pm at City Hall.

-we need a phoning of the Committee's phone list - Gord assigned to phone people to ask them to come out.

FUTURE EDUCATIONALS:

-possibilities? - The Native Canadian Struggle (Dianne suggested this)

/carried: coming topic-The O.N.D.P. in the Up-Coming Election (Ross stands for nomination to give the educational).

NEXT CADRE MEETING:

-Monday, May 4, 1987

-Dianne will regrettably not be present, as she will be at an N.D.P. Candidates Nomination meeting.

-meeting adjourned at 11:00 pm.

HARRY KOPYTO DEFENCE COMMITTEE:

-Harry spoke at a meeting of the Law Union of Ontario Annual Spring Conference, attacking Marion Cohen's (L.U.O.) article in Canadian Dimension (Cohen was there; she barked back.)

Angie -Harry, Ross, Gord and Charles Roache met and decided:

- 1) to launch a law-suite against the R.C.M.P., for infiltrating his office and trying to recruit spies (they will launch this in Small Claims Court)
- 2) to cooperate with the Law Society of U.C. in

their investigation of him
(turning over his records to them).

- 3) there has been a good reply from Dick Fidler to Canadian Dimension against M. Cohen's article.

- 4) to go with representatives of the Law Reform Commission of Canada to speak at a media conference in Hamilton.

FORWARD: TORONTO CADRE MEETING

MONDAY, MAY 4, 1987

ATTENDANCE:

-Ross, Gord, Bill, Jeff, John, Bob Kasher, Harry

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MINUTES:

-adopted as corrected

BUSINESS ARISING FROM MINUTES:

- the question of Bill/Jeff attendance at the May 9-10 ONDY convention in Kingston.
- moved/carried: that Jeff shall attend the ONDY conference in Kingston (and if he needs funds, we should collect money to help him.)

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS:

- Adam Beck is a new contact, brought to our attention by Jeff (he wants to attend our classes)
- the success of the Social (going-away party) for Harry Paine went very well, with thanks going to Harry for his planning and supply of it and to Gord for his role as M.C.
- Steve Goldman is a new contact brought to us by Harry (he was at the party)
- Ayoub Ali: comrades feel it is not fitting that he be on the Steering Committee of the Left Caucus

EDUCATIONAL:

- Dowson: "The Ontario NDP in the Upcoming Election"

NDP BUSINESS:

- Willowdale Riding: Steve Shorter is running for NDP nomination against the perennial right-wing candidates wife and putting forward good literature.
- Gord has counselled Steve on how to put forward his literature (emphasis on nationalizations, industrial strategy, socialism)
- Steve's literature is mildly left, as he tries to tread cautiously.
- the nomination meeting is tomorrow
- Steve, Esther and Jeff are working for his nomination

METRO NDP ANTI-WAR COMMITTEE:

- we need to call a meeting of the committee within the next month to elect new signing officers
- we have the NDP Anti-war Committee buttons printed now
- we printed 50 new copies of the NDP Left Caucus Newsletter and distributed them at the Act for Disarmament Coalition

ONDP LEFT CAUCUS (FORUM COMMITTEE):

- Lois and Ross are meeting tomorrow with Dave Burrell, head of the Rubberworkers in Etobicoke, to be part of the panel at the Left Caucus Forum (Burrell seems very interested)

ONDP LEFT CAUCUS (NEWSLETTER COMMITTEE):

- the Newsletter is running behind schedule, but it seems that it will be ready in time for the Left Caucus Forum
- Harry will help Gord edit

PUBLIC CLASSES:

- Harry and Bill suggested:

a)The Question of Reform of the Soviet Union

b)The Place of Marxism in History

- it was felt that these would be the better topics covering all the possible bases that we could not cover through the NDP Left Caucus Forum

- moved/carried: that the Classes Committee do something further in terms of research (ie. into Mandel's essay) and that they will come up with suggestions as to who should give these classes

HARRY KOPYTO DEFENSE COMMITTEE:

- Harry is about to launch his suit in Small Claims Court against the RCMP for infiltrating his office
- Ross's appeal against the decision on his case comes up again on July 3, 1987

NEXT BRANCH MEETING:

- Tuesday, May 19, 1987

Forward: Toronto Cadre Meeting
Mon, June 1/87

Attendance: Ross, Jeff, Bill, John Darling, Gord, Dave, Harry (Ross = Chair)
(Dianne and Angie, & Bob are unable to attend.)

Minutes: - moved/carried: - minutes adopted as read

Business arising from Minutes: - report on the Class
- given by Bill

- moved/carried: - That there
be a full report on the
projected class material for the next
branch meeting

NDP: - meeting of Metro Toronto Area Council
Association (to discuss Ward structure) at
the City Hall Committee Rooms on Sat, June 6
from 9:00 to 5:00 - the main item of
business is to "decentralize" the MTAC
structure

- Dave reports: - that this reflects a
demoralization in the party and an
"a strategy for defeat"

- moved/carrried: - that Jeff will look into the cost and problems/possibilities of attending this Federal NDY Convention

Willowdale Riding:

- Jeff reports: - the left candidate Steve Shorter lost to the right candidate ~~Bates~~ +
- (there is some question as to whether the election was illegal)

Harvey Kopyto Defense Committee

- The Toronto Star carried an article last Monday on Harry's criminal suit against the RCMP for infiltrating his office (he is also suing them for a quarter of a million dollars in Federal Court)
- the ~~the~~ Upper Canada Law Society is going through Harry's legal aid records (charging him with plagiarism and charging for work that was not done) with an obvious aim to ~~then~~ de-bar him
- Ross case comes up on July 3
- (Couch is helping Harry and will do all he can to help them)

~~= no one attends MTAC meetings anymore
and this is essentially an admission
that there are no functioning ward
riding organizations and there likely
won't be anywhere (except for
in Toronto) - this is a retrenchment -~~

- Gord posed the need for the NDP to
run a mayoralty candidate, (not only
to pose the class question in this
time of reform-minded politics in Ontario
but to build the party municipally
- note that last election saw most
New Democrats supporting a Liberal
candidate (Anne Johnston)

- moved/carried: - that our comrades should go
and put forward the idea that
Jack Layton run for mayor

ONDY: - Jeff reports

- Kingston: May 9-10 - OND Youth Convention
- 60 people (including a Communist Party observer)
- Neil Fettes: - criticized the
party's rightward drift
and harbored back to the
radical Regina Manifesto days of
the CCP
- ~~Provincial Council delegate elections~~
- Robin Sears - report on the Socialist
International

- Fraser Green (Head of organization for the ONDY) spoke, essentially saying that the party is doing very well

- Neil Fettes - gave the presentation on Central America (Jeff attended the South African discussion and workshops)

- Jeff worked with Neil Fettes on three resolutions on:

- Piraragua

- Bill 101 (Quebec)

- Gerry Adams (Sinn Féin

M.P. for
* Northern Ireland)

* - a resolution that Jeff brought forward on Harry Kopyto was not got around to for lack of time

* - the resolution put forward by Jeff Neil Fettes and Jeff supporting Bill 101 was defeated

* - the "support Gerry Adams right to enter Canada" was passed

- Jeff distributed the last Left Caucus Newsletter - he got six new names for the Newsletter mailing list, including Rosanne Guiletti (new President of ONDY)

* - ~~the~~ Federal NDY Convention coming up in June in Winnipeg

- Jeff would like himself and me to go

ONDP Left Caucus

moved/changed: Thurs. 4th - the date for the mailing of
the L.C. Newsletter (to be held at
either Harry's or Dave's house)

Educational: - due on ~~the~~ June 15th
- "Recent Developments in
the PLO" - to be given
by Dave Tomzack

Next Meeting: - meeting then Mon June 15th

ATTENDANCE: Ross, Gord, Harry, John, Bill

CHAIR: John Darling

MINUTES: Adopted as information

MEMBERSHIP AND CONTACTS:

-Gord: has met two workers (carpenters) who are doing work on his house and have expressed an interest in Trotsky and the Moscow Trials. They are interested in the Soviet Union and Latin America. They are in contact with other workers in the C.A.W. (well-placed union activists) Gord will invite them to the classes.

-Ross: has received a personal letter from Ernest Mandel, leader of the United Secretariat of the Fourth International asking him to collect signatures endorsing the Moscow Trials Campaign (former C.P. members, for example.)

Educational: Ross Dowson on "Worker's Co-operatives. "

NDP Activities: it appears that the election will be held sometime in September.

Ross Dowson Case:

Harry reported that the Judge decided against them in Small Claims Court, and that they now have "leave to appeal" to the Supreme Court of Ontario for the right to appeal that decision, but if they lose the right to appeal, the case is over.

Harry Kopyto Case:

"Canadian Lawyer" magazine will be featuring an article on Harry in their August/September issue.

The decision on Harry's case will likely be in a week or two.

Judge Al Linden of the Supreme Court of Canada and head of the Law Reform Commission of Canada, has sought Harry out to wish him well and to give an optimistic view of Harry's chances. (Linden expressed the view that there was a good chance of the "Scandalizing the Court" law being repealed.)

James Pitarro will soon be subpoenaed to testify that the RCMP used Harry's employee, Gordon Frith, to try to set Harry up, and that Frith attempted to recruit him, Pitarro, to help in their operation.

Next Educational: The Meech Lake Accords, to be given by John Darling.

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group/ Toronto cadre, Mon. Nov. 2/1987

attendance: Doctorow, Kopyto, Tomczak, Kasher, Smith, Dowson, Clinton

minutes: adopted as read

membership/contacts: Ross notes that people have been phoning in , in response to the distribution of the Moscow Trials Campaign leaflet at the new play "Detaining Mr. Trotsky"

educational: a Group discussion on the implications of the "Free Trade deal and its relationship to the Canadian national question was continued from last meeting.

NDP Activities:

Left Caucus: Forum to be held on Wed. Nov 4 at the 519 Church Street Community centre at 8:00. Ross feels that comrades are not doing enough to build the Caucus. Not enough is being done with the Caucus and comrades are not showing enough initiative in that area of work particularly on the Steering Committee. For instance, Ross had to do all the poster for the Forum.

— Gord stressed the importance of cadre attendance at the Forum suggesting that their intervention is important and that they should discuss their experiences in the election campaign.

By-elections: discussion of NDP soft-peddling of its name in the recent by-elections and of NDP candidates hiding their party affiliation during their campaign, behind "community activist" labels.

Moscow Trials Campaign: Ross and Zane Boyd will be going to Ottawa to present the collected Canadian signatures to the Soviet Ambassador at a reception being held to celebrate the 70th anniversary of the Bolshevik revolution.

Harry Kopyto case: because of the proceedings they have started against him, Harry has access to the Law Society's files on him. He has been able to copy to the files and add to his own files. It is clear that they have been keeping files on him for a very long time as their files are more extensive than his own. Among the more significant bits is the information that they were going to move to have him disbarred a long time ago, under the that he violated their rules by advertising in the Black magazine, Contrast, as a "Civil Rights" lawyer. The Society says that a lawyer cannot advertise himself as such, but only as one of the officially approved types of lawyers , ie) criminal lawyer.

note: Dave Tomczak reviewed the play "Detaining Mr. Trotsky" and Ross has offered to write a review of the play for playwright Robert Fothergill.

— note: Ross noted that he has written to Ernest Mandel, leader of the United Secretariat of the Fourth International, noting that none of the comrades in North America has taken up the challenge of the Moscow Trials Campaign, excepting us. USFI supporters have not even signed it. ASA leader Weisleder did not sign it, and he is in Europe attending the USFI's cadre school. (Weisleder did, finally, sign it and the American comrades in Socialist Action have circulated it , but the Socialist Workers Party has not Picked up the campaign up.)

— next cadre meeting: Mon. Nov. 16/87

MINUTES: the FORWARD Group/Toronto Mon, November 16/87

Attendance: Dowson, Smith, Tomczak, Kopyto, Meaghan, Doctorow, Clinton (Codina in Hong Kong, Kasher-no explanation, Darling-no explanation)

Chair: Smith

Minutes of previous meeting: Adopted as read.

Membership/Contacts: - Jeff Smith reported two new contacts: both are active members, with him, in the Glendon Campus (York University) NDP Club, both were active with him in the joint NDP/International Socialists "Student Strike Support Committee", when the teachers went out on strike, and both are disillusioned with the NDP, and, at present, orbiting the I.S. as critical contacts.

moved/carried: that Jeff should arrange a meeting between himself and another comrade and these contacts as soon as possible. (And that he should prepare a contact list)

-Gord Doctorow has made a contact at Alternative Scarborough Education where he teaches. Her name is Jan Cindry, and she is an NDP member and a feminist. He has invited her to attend the play "Detaining Mr. *supporter* Trotsky", with him.

Educational: Dianne Meaghan on her struggle against Management and Trade Union (OPSEU) bureaucrats at Seneca College, where she teaches.

NDP:

-Left Caucus: there were 40/45 people in attendance at the L.C. Forum, on Wed, Nov. 4, making it the ~~best~~ *and best* attended Forum the Caucus has ever held. Speakers were: Elaine Ziemba, David Warner, Phil Jones. Comrades in attendance were Ross, Dianne, Gord, Harry, Bill, and John Darling.- we got a well-signed contact list for the Left Caucus, and many people there were completely new to us.

-Riding Associations: Ross reports that the newly-fused St. George/St. David Riding is having its first meeting as a new Riding. The speaker will be Party leader Bob Rae, on Free Trade. -Ross will attend.

-Gord and Bill are now collaborating in Oriole Riding. Bill has come over from Scarborough Agincourt. Gord will be running for President (as nobody else will accept the responsibility) and Provincial Council, while Bill will be running for the post of Membership Secretary, the same one he held in Scarb. Agin. The election for a new executive will be held on Wed. Nov. 18.

- Gord reports that he has been able to persuade a Trade Unionist to run for the post of Treasurer.

- Judy Rebick, who ran in that Riding during the Provincial election, is in China on holiday and will not be able to attend to the meeting. It does not look as though she will be active in the Riding.

HARRY KOPYTO:- there was a recent meeting of lawyers to express their solidarity with Harry. Included were Clayton Ruby, Mike Mandel, Dick Fidler. - all offered to play a role in his defence case. -City T.V. has been pressing ~~Harry~~ *Angie* to hold a Press conference, but he reports that he does not have the time. - Harry will file a complaint with the Human Rights Commission charging that ~~Angie~~ she is being

.....harrassed because of "political creed" and because of her association with Harry.

*-it has been decided not to have separate Angie Codina Defence Committee, but to tackle the problem as a legal/political one using only lawyers

*-Harry feels that there is no time to mobilize public action in his support, and that we will have to rely on Press and public sympathy as they now stand. Thus, there will not be a public Defence Committee, until Dec 1 and 2, when the decision on Harry's case comes "down"

- discussion by comrades followed, on the question of whether or not to have a public defence committee

- Moved/Carried: that ~~the~~ legal community (Lawyers and law students) should be mobilized around the case and that it be left in the hands of legal-professionals for now, as it appears that outsideers have no real role to play. There will be no public Defence Committee as such for the time being.

NDP LEFT CAUCUS NEWSLETTER: - Ross feels that comrades are not using the L.C. properly, that we are not taking initiative or providing leadership to L.C. members. For instance, there is no collective planning of the Newsletter. Some comrades do not even attend meetings of the Steering Committee, even though they accepted positions on it. The due date of the letter was 9 days ago.

Moved/Carried: - that the responsibility for the Newsletter be made the primary focus of the Left Caucus Steering Committee, and no longer that of a small sub-committee of the Caucus. (This will make the Newsletter the Steering Committee's main responsibility) Comrades should press for this at the next L.C. Steering Committee meeting.

Next Educational: Glastnost and Perestroika in the Soviet Union

- all comrades should read recent issues of International Viewpoint, (particularly last two issues) . Ross and Harry are assigned to do in-depth joint research on the question and so be able to give the discussion *direction*

Next Meeting: Mon. November 30/87

attendance: Dowson, Kopyto, Codina, Meaghan, Kasher, Doctorow, Clinton
(Art Gray observing, Smith sent apologies, Tomczak ditto)
(John Darling...no contact)

Chair: Kopyto

minutes of last meeting: adopted as read

membership/contacts: Gord D. reports that he attended the play, "Detaining Mr. Trotsky", with contact Jan Cindry. Left Caucus members Manfred Netzel and Dorice Bolt also attendended. Gord gave Cindry some L.C. literature. He proposes that in future we use the various Forums around Toronto in our contact work, (ie. the Marxist Institute Forums) and that we have a in-depth discussion on how best to do our contact work.

Moved/Carried: that from now on we shall make known to all comrades any political classes or Forums going on in Toronto, at the end of each meeting.

-Gord further proposes that we have a holiday-season social, such as a New Year's party, and that it be catered and held at someone's home.

Moved/Carried: that comrades put the question of a larger, more inclusive Left Caucus social to L.C. members at the up-coming meeting on this Sunday to find out if there is sufficient committment in the L.C. Steering Committee to warrant the planning of of a L.C. social. If not, we should organize a social around ourselves, as a tendency.

educational: The Recent Stock Market Crash - by Angie Codina

NDP Activities:

Left Caucus : Gord gave a report on the recent meeting of the L.C. Steering Committee. The L.C. Conference was pushed to Feb. 27/87. Also, the Newsletter will be a series of position papers in the next issue, serving as a lead-in to coming Conference. Different S.C. members will handle different subjects.

Riding Associations: Gord and Bill gave report on the recent meeting of Oriole NDP to elect a new executive. Discussion at the meeting was good, reflecting a relatively high level of political consciousness on the part of many of the members (a number of whom were highly critical of what they saw as the NDP leadership's betrayal of socialist principles, and it's unwillingness to really build the Party or adeqately represent the labour movement). Gord was elected to the posts of President and Provincial Council; Bill was elected to the posts of Membership Secretary and Vice-President. It was a well-attended meeting, with 15 or more people.

note: report by Gord on the intervention of comrades at the recent Rally Against Free Trade at Massey Hall. Ross, Bill, Gord, AND Zane Boyd intervened and Manfred Netzel showed up and helped.

Harry Kopyto/ Angie Codinae -Harry's appeal in the courts, against the ruling barring him from entering a courtroom until he apologizes for "scandalizing the Court" has been unanimously upheld by the Court of Appeals judges. He feels it has "immunized " him from the Law Society of Upper Canada' proceedings against him. Top officials of the Law Society will be subpoenaed to speak when he begins his defence on Tuesday.

Moscow Trials Appeals Campaign: some more names have come out, as signatories to the Appeal (which has been published in International Viewpoint) including Michael Cassidy, former NDP MP, and former leader of the Ontario NDP

next educational: Glastnost and Perestroika in the Soviet Union
(Ross and Harry leading discussion)

next meeting: Mon. Dec. 14

note: Sat. Dec. 12, all comrades are invited to the Bar Mitzvah of Mark Kopyto, Harry's son

note: Oriole NDP Riding Executive meeting at Gord's home, Wed. Dec 2

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group, / Toronto cadre, Mon, Dec. 14/ 1987

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as amended (some notation of the slogans carried at the Anti-Free Trade rally should be recorded. Slogans included "For an Independent, Socialist Canada" and "Against Further U.S./ Canada Integration")

Attendance: Meaghan, Doctorow, Dowson, Clinton present. Kopyto and Codina are on official leave, currently visiting China. Apologies sent by Smith and Tomczak; Kasher said he would be in attendance.

Membership/Contacts: Gord reported on the Left Caucus Steering Committee meeting: the L.C. social will be catered; many comrades and L.C. supporters will not be there. The aim will be to draw people from around the L.C., NDPPE and Kopyto case miliuss. Gord notes that the social is not being built by Caucus members, but by Forward.

Educational: it was to be on Glastnost and Perestroika in the USSR but Harry was not here to be half of the educational team, so Ross talked about two union struggles: 1# - the struggle at Douglas Aircraft by Canadian Auto Workers members and 2# - struggle by International Association of Machinists and Aerospaceworkers for indexed pensions.

note: Ross has written to the comrades of the Fourth Internationalist Tendency in the U.S.A. (grouped around the Bulletin in Defense of Marxism) in a personal capacity, about their article in the Dec 8 issue, attacking Bob White as being a Canadian nationalist version of Owen Beiber, UAW leader. Ross attempted to explain the error of this position.

Discussion: held on the issue of worker's health and safety, involving the Ontario Worker's Health Centre.

NDP Activities:

NDP Left Caucus: - Newsletter: - discussion

NDP Riding Assoc. :- Gord reports that at a recent Oriole Riding Executive meeting a decision was made to start a Riding Newsletter, to rotate the position of Alternate to Provincial Council among all members of the Executive, and to undertake a serious membership drive, to commence in January.

Other: Dianne has decided to run for Trustee for the North York School Board, should she be requested as a candidate by the Candidate Search Committee. Although Gord is not a member of the Comm. he has been asked to recommend someone, and will recommend Dianne.

Kopyto/Codina: -proceedings by the Law Society have been stayed over until the New Year. The Discipline Committee has not found against or for Harry.

Other: - Bill informed comrades that the Toronto Anti-Intervention Coalition has suffered a split in its ranks around the issue of whether or not TAIC should endorse the Peace Accords recently signed in Guatemala by five Central American governments, including Nicaragua. The dispute arose at the the annual TAIC conference on the week-end of November 6/7, eventually resulting in a resolution that neither endorsed

nor rejected the Accords. This resulted in a split and a departure from TAIC of some of its most prominent activists and the bulk of its forces. Bill reported that he attended the regroupment of TAIC's modest remaining forces at a meeting held on Wed. Dec. 9, at which a new Steering Committee was elected. Discussion followed.

-meeting adjourned. Next meeting: Mon. Dec. 21/87

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group, / Toronto cadre, Mon, Jan. 11/88

attendance: Bowson, Meaghan, Kopyto, Doctorow, Darling, Clinton, Tomzack.
apologies: Smith

(Codina on official leave in Hong Kong; Kasher out of town,

chair: John Darling

minutes of last meeting: adopted as read

business arising from last meeting: - Dianne is not going to be running for election to the North York School Board, as it would require a highly organized campaign which would have had to be started some time ago.

- Ross has photocopied copies article from the Bulletin in Defense of Marxism; most recent issue, dealing with the Guatemala Peace Plan, which has been the subject of much heated debate in the Group and in anti-war/solidarity circles lately. This is for comrades to study so that we may have a more informed assessment of and discussions around the issue.

- Gord notes that a North York NDP has been formed lately; sponsored by Metro. Labour Council. There will be a meeting this Sun. January 17 at the Scarborough Civic Centre. If we wish to be active in the Municipal elections we should be there. We have a number of members who are in North York ridings.

- Dave notes that Michael Lyons is stepping down from the post of President of Metro Toronto Labour Council. Why? Dave does not know.

membership/contacts: Harry met a man named Ron Rodgers, a cab driver who claims to have "founded" the Socialist Party of North America, a now-defunct group which was founded in 1919 in Toronto, from split out of Socialisy Party of Canada.

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-moved/carried: that Ross will send a letter to Jeff Smith, reminding him that he has now missed 3 meetings in a row, and that that is a critical number.

educational: Harry/Kopyto on China

NDP Activities:

NDP Left Caucus: Gord reported on the recent Left Caucus Steering Committee meeting at which the LC conference was planned out further. He went over the the minutes of that meeting with comrades.

NDP Riding associations: - Ross reports that Rosedale Federal Riding holds it's first meeting Jan 20. He will attend.

Kopyto/Codina: Thurs. there will be a meeting of the Discipline Committee of the Law Society of Upper Canada. They will try to split Harry's case from Angie's. and will also set a date for Angie's hearing. To be held at Osgoode Hall at 8:30 AM.

-an viscious article on Harry was run in TORONTO LIFE magazine, and it may in fact have been slanderous. It attacks Harry in a personal capacity. Moved/Carried: - that Harry should not sue for slander, as that would give the article more attention than it deserves.

New Business: Discussion begun by Dianne on the John Kolaris -centered struggle in her union local, in which Harry is engaged as lawyer.

.....Kolaris has approached management and the union brass with a deal, against the wishes of his supporters. Discussion folowed.

- Meeting adjourned: Next Meeting on Mon. January 25/88.

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group/ Toronto cadre' Mon. January 25/88

attendance: Kasher, Darling, Smith, ~~Doctorow~~, Kopyto, Dowson, Clinton. Codina on leave, Meaghan and Tomczak sent apologies.

chair: John Darling

Minutes of last meeting: adopted as corrected (There was no talk last meeting of Harry suing TORONTO LIFE magazine for their article on him. Rather, a motion was carried that Harry should write a brief letter to the magazine taking exception to the article.)

educational: Ross Dowson on "The Politics of Free Trade"; It's Implications for the FORWARD Group and the NDP Left Caucus".
- discussion followed.

NDP Activities:

NDP Left Caucus: Gord reports on the LC Conference:

- it has been pushed back to March 5
- the two keynote speakers will be Stan Gray on worker's health and safety and Jack Layton on municipal politics
- Judy Rebick will be speaker on women's issues at one of the workshops.
- Jeff has booked the 519 Community Centre for the conference

note: the NDP Provincial convention will be held at Thunder Bay and it is not projected to have a lot of issues. It appears to be planned as a showcase convention.

NDP Ridings: - Jeff notes that Bob Rae will be speaking to the Glendon NDY, soon. The Glendon NDY will also try to get Judy Rebick to speak to them on the issue of abortion rights.
- Ross reports that he was not able to attend that meeting of Rosedale Federal Riding (their first).

Harry Kopyto/ Angie Codina cases : - Harry spoke to 250 students at Carleton University this week. He was very well received, and spoke about legal institutions from a Marxist perspective, as well as about prisoner's rights, and the class nature of the Canadian legal system. The students evidently empathized with his struggle against the Law Society; and he got very fair coverage from the Radio and Television reporters there.
- on March 5, the Harry Kopyto Defence Committee will hold a fund-raising night. Also, this Thursday night at 7:00 at his office there will be meeting of the Defence Committee to organize that social.

New Business: - Bob Kasher's wife, Leslie, has been elected President of OPSEU Local 516, and Bob has had an article on the Canadian Left published in "The New Politics".
- a rally will be held at the Morgentaler Clinic to mark the Supreme Court's decision on Dr. Henry Morgentaler, whatever that may be.
- February 4 at 5:30 there will be a rally in support of the clinic at Queen's Park
- there will be a meeting of the Labour Committee of Tools For Peace at Steelworker's Hall, Wednesday night at 7:30.

next meeting: Tuesday, January 9

next meeting:

next educational: Nicaragua and the Guatemala Peace Plan.
(Bill Clinton)

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group, Toronto cadre, Tues. Feb. 9/1988

attendance: Doctor~~ow~~, Tomczak, Dowson, Clinton (Art Gray observing)

apologies: Meaghan, Smith, (Codina on leave)

chair: Gord Doctorow

minutes of last meeting: adopted as read

membership and contacts: - Ross notes that Dick Fidler has launched an attack on Canadian Dimension magazine for failing to publish an article on the Meech Lake Accords that he wrote for them. He has circuited his attack, in the form of a letter, to various people in the Left, including Ross, Gord, Harry. Ross has written a reply to Fidler that supports C.D.'s right to decide what they will or will not publish.

- moved/carried: that Ross's reply to Fidler speak for the Group as a whole, including Gord and Harry.

educational: The Guatemala Peace Plan and its Implications for the Canadian Anti-war Movement. (Bill Clinton)

NDP Activities:

ONDP Left Caucus: -the Newsletter has not come out as yet, as only one article has been handed in. Also, it appears that one has been lost.

- the Left Caucus Conference: is March 19

-the deadline for articles(the new one) is this Sunday. Mailing of the Newsletter should be sometime in mid-week.

NDP Riding Associations: - Spadina NDP has held its first meeting. It's now Trinity-Spadina Riding. (a new Federal Riding) David Tomczak is on the executive. Dave will also be standing for election to the Fort York provincial Riding executive.

further business: Ross has proposed that we try to encourage Barry Weisleder (A.S.A.) to stand for election to the NDP Left Caucus Steering Committee. Weisleder, who has just returned from the United Secretariat of the Fourth International's leadership/cadre school in Europe, ran last year but lost.

- moved/carried: that Gord speak to Weisleder about coming onto the Steering Committee, sometime between now and the Left Caucus conference. It is felt that Weisleder's presence, and the participation of his group in the Caucus, would broaden it.

- meeting adjourned: Next Meeting: Mon. Feb. 22

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group/ Toronto cadre, Mon. Feb. 22/1988

attendance: Doctorow, Dowson, Clinton, Kopyto, Meaghan, Smith,
-John Glenn, from Brantford, in attendance.

apologies: Tomczak. Codina on leave in Hong Kong

chair: Harry Kopyto

minutes of last meeting: adopted as read

membership/contacts: - Ross raised the question of membership dues. Money is not coming in regularly enough, and he has cashed all the checks collected to date. He would like comrades to renew their contributions.

- Gord posed the purchase of a computer for the Group, explaining its usefulness to us and to the NDP Left Caucus as well. It would be a great asset in putting out the Left Caucus Newsletter, for instance. He also put forward the purchase of a photocopier, for the same reasons.

- Moved/Carried: that the comrades will donate money for the purchase of a small photocopier for our Group.

-Moved/Carried: that Gord be designated to look into the purchasing of a computer, and be ready to instruct comrades (particularly younger ones) in the running/operation of a simple computer.

- Harry notes that former League for Socialist Action member Joe Steinbock has approached him about rejoining the movement. Gord notes that Joe turned up at the recent inaugural meeting of Don Valley North NDP, wanting to re-activate himself politically.

- Moved/Carried: that Gord approach Joe Steinbock and determine how serious Joe is about rejoining, with an aim to recruiting him.

educational: -none was prepared or planned from last week so instead, an Open Discussion was held on Perspectives for the NDP Left Caucus
- discussion focussed on ways to professionalize and build the Left Caucus.

NDP Activities:

NDP Left Caucus: - final plans for the L.C. Conference were discussed. The L.C. Steering Committee meeting is on Thurs. night at Jeff's home.

NDP Ridings: - Gord reported on the inaugural meeting of Don Valley North Federal NDP;:- Bill chaired the meeting, Dianne was elected Riding President, and Gord was elected Vice-President. Judy Rebick was the guest speaker, discussing the recent Supreme Court of Canada decision upholding freedom of choice on abortion.

- Jeff reported on the founding meeting of Willowdale Federal NDP at which MP Dan Heap spoke. Jeff was elected Member-at-Large of the Riding Executive.

- Jeff reported on the Glendon Campus NDP (York University). They have arranged for the following speakers for their meetings: - Harry Kopyto on the police and courts in Canada, Judy Rebick on abortion rights, John Campey, and a SACTU representative on South Africa.

Harry Kopyto Defense Campaign: - the most recent Law Society hearings have resulted in the Discipline Committee reserving its decision on whether or not to separate Harry's case from Angie's till later, a tactical victory for Harry.

-the Law Society has also put further hearings off to the end of May.
- Harry's fundraiser is projected for early May, as close to May 1 as possible

- a party is scheduled at Harry's for March 19 for all comrades, friends, supporters, etc. It will be just after the Left Caucus Conference that day; a sort of Socialist's social. Harry will be approaching the Left Caucus Steering Committee about ~~their~~ possible endorsement.

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- The Tribune, organ of the Communist Party of Canada, has called Harry. They wish to do a story on his case and struggle (for the first time. Previously, they studiously ignored the whole Dowson/Kopyto/RCMP struggle.)

- Ross's case is going back this month to the Court of Appeals for "leave to appeal", and this will be last action of the case should this appeal be rejected.

New Business: - Harry recently spoke to a conference of Black community groups and leaders. He was introduced by friend and fellow lawyer Charles Roach, leading Black radical lawyer. These activists are organizing to form a coalition of Black groups to push for a reform of the Police Commission, in light of the recent conclusion to the Albert Johnson case of ten years ago (Johnson was slain by Metro P.D. constables). Harry spoke on the need for an independent Civilian Review Board.

- Gord notes that Judy Rebeck recently approached him about her intentions to ask Dave Gracy, president of the (left-wing) Scarborough West NDP to step down and let her run for MPP in that riding on the basis that she is a woman "and women should be run in winnable ridings." Gord advised against this, as it is not in the interests of the left in the party for leftists to run against each other, and also, Gracy has worked hard to build that riding, and people there see him as having great credibility.

- International Woman's Day will have its parade on March 5. Distribution of the Left Caucus Newsletter would be advantageous. Comrades are encouraged to make photocopies and attend. This should be organized by the Left Caucus Steering Committee.

Meeting Adjourned: - next meeting on Mon. March 7/88

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group/ Toronto cadre meeting, Mon March 7/ 88

chair: Harry Kopyto

attendance: Doctorow, Dowson, Kopyto, Clinton, Codina, John Glenn (from Brampton)

- also in attendance: Joe Steinbock, prospective member

apologies: Tomczak, Meaghan

(Darling, Kasher, Smith-absence not explained)

minutes of last meeting: - adopted as corrected/amended

1)- money for the photocopier is to come out of existing funds, not from a fund-drive, as reported in last minutes.

2)- Dave Gracy is the incumbent candidate for Scarborough West NDP, not the President

membership/contacts: - Gord introduced Joe Steinbock as a prospective FORWARD cadre. He noted that Joe has been a Trotskyist for thirty years, first as a member of the Young Socialists, then as a member of the League for Socialist Action. Joe ran the LSA's presses. He has recently been re-activating himself, and has been attending NDP meetings (ie. Don Valley North Federal NDP), at which comrades have been active. He is in the same Provincial Riding as Dianne and Jeff and in the same Federal Riding as Gord and Bill.

moved/carried: -that Joe Steinbock be accepted as a member of the FORWARD Group.

-Harry reports that he and Jeff Smith recently had a very successful meeting with James Anderson, with Jeff has been active in Glendon Campus NDP (York University). They gave James some of the movement's literature, including the Transitional Programme for Socialist Revolution, by Trotsky. James is also in Ellesmere NDP, and Gord learned from Mark Crow, President of Ellesmere NDP, that James has distributed Left Caucus material at Riding meetings.

moved/carried: - that Jeff and Harry be the contact people between the Group and James Anderson.

(note: James is coming to the Left Caucus Conference)

-Gord notes that one of his students, Jan Cindry, has been reading "Socialism on Trial", by James Cannon, and also some of Trotsky's works. He has a very favourable impression of her and she will be coming to the Left Caucus Conference.

Educational: - since no proper educational has been prepared, time will be allotted for a more in-depth discussion of our NDP activities, especially as they pertain to the Left Caucus.

-Gord reported on the meeting that he and Bill had with Barry Weisleder, leader of the Toronto branch of the Alliance for Socialist Action, regarding the possibility of his standing for election to the Left Caucus Steering Committee. Gord noted the great Barry raised a series of demands: - that the ASA have two people on the Steering Committee

- that none of the articles that ASA members submit for publication in the LC Newsletter be edited under any circumstances

- that all other socialist currents be asked to have a member stand for election to the Steering Committee also, and that they be formally approached with this request. (this last demand was dropped by Weisleder, but the others are "preconditions" for him and he would not be persuaded)

moved/carried: - That Bill and Gord should make it clear to Weisleder that the FORWARD Group is not prepared to support his nomination under those conditions.

(Gord notes the resistance of some Left Caucus Steering Committee members to Weisleder's nomination, particularly that of Manfred Netzell, who says he will not serve on a Steering Committee with Barry. Steering Committee members have expressed that view that Barry compromises the Left Caucus by his adventurism.

moved/carried: -that comrades support Joe Steinbock in standing for election to the Left Caucus Steering Committee at the Conference.

(Joe will stand for Member - at- Large.)

NDP Ridings:

- Ross reports that Dr. Nikki Colodney will be speaking to a meeting of St. George/ St. David NDP on Wednesday night.

Harry Kopyto Defense Committee: Harry reports that his application to the Ontario Court of Appeals for "leave to appeal" the decision in Dowson vs. the RCMP was denied, ending the case forever. There are no avenues left open for the case.

- this Wednesday, Harry appears before the Law society's Discipline Committee to set a date for trial of a renewed charge of " scandalizing the court" through his "Krazy glue" remarks. This is after the Court dismissed that charge against him. As a result, Harry will be using this as proof of the " multiplicity of harrassment" against him by the Law Society.

- Harry reminds comrades of the Party at his house after the Conference.

- Harry has been invited to speak at Glendon Campus by the Glendon NDP. on March 30.

New Business: - former member Fred Callahan asks that comrades come out to make an appearance on the picket line at Cole-Joyce, where his Steelworkers local is out on strike. (Fred is Secretary of his local.) Distribution of the Left Caucus Newsletter on the picket line would be a good idea.

- John Glenn has agreed to be on a committee in his NDP Riding Association to prepare Resolutions for the up-coming Provincial Convention of the Ontario NDP.

- meeting adjourned. Next Meeting is on Mon. March 21

attendance: Doctorow, Steinbock, Dowson, Darling, Clinton

apologies: Tomczak, Kasher, Kopyto, Codina, Smith'

chair: John Darling

(Zane Boyd observing)

membership/contacts: Jeff Smith and prospective - member Jim Anderson could not attend tonight's meeting, as they are preparing for University finals. Gord has spoken to Jeff, making it clear that Jeff is to introduce James into the Group.

- Bill has brought news of a new contact, Ari Rosen, to the Group. Ari is active with Bill and Gord and Dianne in Don Valley North Federal NDP, he is studying economics at University and comes from Israel. He seems quite critical of Israel and shows a keen interest in the Black question in the United States.

-Gord notes that former NDP Left Caucus Steering Committee member' Paul Hetherington may be moving down to Toronto from Hamilton in the fall, to attend school here, at York University. IF this happens we will see much more of Paul than we have in the recent past. Paul's friend, Tina Zinc, with whom he has worked closely in the NDP, will be staying in Hamilton. She seems to be still very friendly toward us.

NDP Activities:

Ontario NDP Left Caucus:

- the first meeting of the Left Caucus Steering Committee for 1988 will be this Sunday April 10 at Jeff's house. Prior to that there will be a meeting of the FORWARD fraction at Jeff's, to coordinate our efforts within the Committee.

- Gord notes an enthusiastic response to the Newsletter at a recent Provincial Council meeting (especially in terms of it's improved quality as a newsletter.)

-Gord and Ross have both raised the need for a serious, functioning Newsletter Committee this year, one having an Editor, a Circulation Activist, and a Fundraiser.

- Ross suggested that the Newsletter needed a large fund and a re-organization of its subscriptions.

-Gord raised the idea of a Left Caucus social in the near future, to help consolidate the Left Caucus milieu, and especially to integrate new members of the Steering Committee into the Caucus (ie. Jan Cindry and James Anderson and Lois Stuart etc.)

NDP Riding Associations:

Provincial Council:

-Gord attended the latest meeting with Dave Tomczak. Gord reports that the meeting, held in London, was being picketed by NDP members from Sudbury, who were protesting the recent over-turning of a Provincial Council meeting by NDP Provincial Organizer Brian Harling. The picketers were very receptive toward the Left Caucus Newsletter. Gord notes that it is clear that, this time, the NDP will be seriously contending for Federal office, not just running for a place as the Liberals' junior partner or for a spot as the official opposition. This means that the federal party's literature will be bi-lingual

and will be distributed to the readings.

Educational: - Ross Dowson gave a review of "Canadian Communism: The Stalin Years and Beyond". a new book by Norman Penner, political scientist. Ross says it is a continuation of the work Penner did with his earlier work, " The Canadian Left".

On Thurs. April 7, the Marxist Institute is holding a discussion on the book , featuring Communist Party speakers and Norman Penner as well. Comrades should attend and defend Penner's book, as we can expect the CPC members to attack it for its anti-Stalinist line.

Next Meeting: - Monday April 18 /1988

Educational: John Darling on "The Aim and Functioning of the FORWARD Group".

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group, Toronto cadre,

Mon, April 18/ 1988

attendance: Dowson Doctorow, Kopyto, Meaghan, Steinbock, Clinton

apologies: Tomczak, Darling, Smith, Kasher
Codina on official leave

chair: Kopyto

minutes: adopted as information

membership/contacts: John Darling informed the Group prior to the meeting that he ~~had~~ been unable to prepare the Educational and would be working tonight.

-Dave Tomczak informed the Group that he would be unable to attend the meeting as he has an NDP Riding Association meeting to attend and feels that, as he has missed the last two Riding meetings, he ought to be there.

-Moved/Carried: - that the Secretary, Bill Clinton, contact comrades Tomczak, Smith and Darling, and inform them of the exact number of meetings they have each missed, consecutively, and inform them that the rest of the comrades are concerned that they are diminishing the effectiveness of the branch and of the Group.

NDP Activities:

NDP Riding Associations: - Dianne Meaghan informed the comrades of a recent social for workers of the Oriole (Provincial) NDP and Don Valley North (Federal) NDP, held at Bill Clinton's home. Dianne, Bill, Gord, Jeff, Joe and Harry attended. Also, contacts Ari Rozin and John Young were there to celebrate a fairly successful party membership drive.

- Gord D. reports that he and Dianne are currently looking for a candidate for Don Valley North NDP, for the up-coming federal election. They are looking for a trade unionist, preferably a woman.

NDP Youth Conference:

- on May 7 and 8 at Waterloo, the New Democratic Youth will be holding its convention. This could be a good opportunity to circulate the Left Caucus Newsletter. All youth members should attend if possible.

- Harry raised the idea that the Left Caucus Steering Committee should start up a petition in the NDP, with the support of left-wing MP's Dan Heap and Svend Robinson, directed against the leadership's under-cutting of the NDP's position on withdrawal from NATO/NORAD. Harry feels that the opportunity now exists to build an organized left-wing in the Party, on a national scale, as the left within the Party now has what it has lacked for the last few years: a concrete issue around which to rally the best elements against the NDP leadership.

- Moved/carried: - that the FORWARD comrades who are on the Ontario NDP Left Caucus Steering Committee should encourage the Steering Committee to make contact with Dan Heap and Svend Robinson and, in co-operation with them, work out a plan to take on the NDP leadership with an aim to defending the form and substance of the established NDP position on NATO and NORAD.

Moscow Trials Campaign:

- Ross noted that the Trotskyist comrades in Mexico, most of whom have re-grouped in the Revolutionary Workers Party, are going to present the petition to Soviet Premier Gorbachev when he visits Mexico in the near future. Ross notes the recent developments in the Soviet Union have been particularly well covered in International Viewpoint, notably the upheavals in Armenia.

Harry Kopyto Defese Case:

- A social will be held at Charles Roach's home on Sat. May 28. The purpose is to raise money for Harry's defense.
- last Tuesday, Harry spoke at the Law School of Western Ontario University. He reports that he was well-recieved, despite the general atmosphere of conservatism at Western. There appear to be a number of left-wing students there, who feel quite isolated.
- an contact of Harry's, ex-LSA member Stuart Russell, has launched a suit against the RCMP on behalf of Harry and Ross, because the RCMP have refused to come forth with their official records on them, as the law now requieres them to. The RCMP are claiming that they have no files on either of them.
- The last social/fundraiser raised \$475 for Harry's defense expenses.

New Business:

- on Sunday at 7:00, at Convocation Hall, Doctor Helen Caldicott will be speaking on the issue of nuclear disarmament. Left Caucus Steering Committee members should organize an intervention to sell anti-NATO buttons and distribute the Newsletter.
- Ross Dowson has recently given an interview(8 hours long) to an archivist from the National Archives in Ottawa. The interview was conducted primarily by ex-comrade Wayne Roberts. The content centered on Ross's role in the Trotskyist movement, consisting of over 50 years as an active socialist. Ross tried to get as much of the ideas of revolutionary Marxism as possible into the tape, which is public property as part of the Archives.
- Ross reported on the recent Marxist Institute forum on Norman Penner's new work "Canadian Communism: The Stalin Years and Beyond". Ross and Zane Boyd intervened to defend the book against attacks by members of the Communist Party of Canada and by Professor Leo Panitch.
- Joe Steinbock reported on the recent demonstration outside the Israeli consulate, organized by Arab activists and the organization Jews For a Just Peace. Joe, Harry, and Gord attended and played a leading role. There were roughly 250 people there and a number of organizations were in evidence, including the United Jewish People's Order. The main speakers were two Trotskyists: Varda Burstynn and an ex-RMG member. The media was strongly represented, and there was an honourary funeral for the recently-assassinated PLO leader, Abu Jihad. The Palestinian flag was much in evidence. Joe and Harry attended the meeting of Jews For a Just Peace afterward, and found the political level high, though not evenly developed. The organization is not tied to the Peace Now group in Israel, and is more oriented toward support for the PLO. It has adopted the position that the PLO is the representative of the Palestinians.

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Jews For a Just Peace also calls for a bi-national Palestinian state, echoing the program of the PLO.

The demonstration had been called to protest the repression in the West Bank and Gaza Strip and to solidarize with insurgent Palestinian youth there.

Moved/Carried: - That Jewish members of FORWARD become active in Jews For a Just Peace to the best of their abilities.

Educational: postponed to next meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 10:50 PM

Next Meeting: Mon, May 2/88

attendance: Dowson, Doctorow, Kopyto, Tomczak, Steinbock, Smith and Clinton.

apologies: Meaghan, Darling, Kasher. Codina on official leave.

chair: Jeff Smith

minutes of last meeting: -adopted as information

Membership/Contacts: Jeff Smith introduced James Anderson to the Group, noting that James has been active with him in the NDP club on Glendon Campus of York University and was also active in the Students Strike Support Committee at Glendon, when the teachers ~~were~~ on strike. James is also active in Scarborough Ellesmere NDP and was recently elected to the Steering Committee of the ONDP Left Caucus. Jeff made a motion that James be accepted into the Group.

Moved/Carried: - That James Anderson be ~~accepted~~ as a member of the FORWARD Group.

NDP Activities: -

Gord reported on the recent emergency meeting of the NDP Left Caucus Steering Committee. He notes that the most recent NDP leadership document on the question of NATO and NORAD ("Canada's Stake in Common Security") is actually a position committing ~~an~~ NDP federal government to reform of NORAD and postponing withdrawal from NATO to an indefinite, subsequent term of office. ~~The 52-page document~~ X borrows a lot of anti-war rhetoric from different peace groups and is notably lacking in cold-war rhetoric, but its basic line is one of support for an increased military budget.

Harry noted that there is pressure on Broadbent to dump the Party's position on withdrawal from the military pacts because a federal election is forthcoming and international issues could play an important role in the outcome. He then read from a proposed draft for an Open Letter to ~~the~~ NDP on this issue.

- discussion followed.

Moved/Carried: - That Dave Tomczak be added to the Editorial Committee for this Letter, to work with Gord and Harry.

* - Gord noted that Pauline Jewett has voted for the new document, with some proposed ammendments. Dan Heap is uncommitted and Svend Robinson is on the record as opposing it. Jewett's amendment is apparently for a clear commitment to a withdrawal from NATO in the first term of federal office. *(Jewett tried to amend it and - clarification the leadership blocked her.)*

- discussion followed.

Moved/Carried: That the basic line of the proposed draft and of Gord's report be accepted.

Educational: The Organizational Character and Principles of the FORWARD Group. - speaker: Ross Dowson

-discussion followed.

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New Business: Toronto Disarmament Network Forum:

- there was no NDP presence, other than the activists of the Left Caucus, at the recent forum on nuclear disarmament at which Doctor Helen Caldicott spoke. Left Caucus Members intervened, selling anti-NATO buttons and distributing Newsletters. \$37 was raised through button sales.

Doctor Coldicott identified herself as a socialist and encouraged Canadian anti-war activists to get behind the NDP.

- Bill Clinton reported on the demonstration organized by the Toronto Anti-intervention Coalition and held on Sat, April 30. Bill and Jeff attended it and the extremely low turn-out for this action made it clear that other Central American solidarity and anti-war groups are boycotting TAIC events, displaying a great deal of factionalism. Both Canadian Action for Nicaragua and Tools for Peace were completely absent, and only the El Salvador Information Office (connected to the FMLN in El Salvador) made a point of showing. Attendance was so poor that Bill and Jeff had to help lead the parade. This is not the first time C.A.N. and Tools for Peace have done this. 150 people came.

- Joe Steinbock reported on the May Day Parade, which he and Jeff attended. There were approximately 2000 people there and it was very quiet. The speeches were generally good, with the labour movement and NDP well-represented. The Communist Party also had a speaker. The comrades distributed some Left Caucus Newsletters.

Harry Kopyto Case:

* Harry mentioned that he wants comrades to take on leadership roles at the up-coming fundraiser/social. This item has been moved to next meeting for more detailed discussion.

- Angie Codina's case has now been officially separated from Harry's by the Law Society's Discipline Committee, in an attempt to make the proceedings look less like an attempt to persecute Harry. In reply, Harry and Angie are moving to ask the Discipline Committee to declare itself biased.

Further Business:

*-NDP Municipal Meeting is to be discussed at next meeting.

*-Jews For a Just Peace is to be discussed at greater length than was possible at this meeting. Joe Steinbock is to lead the discussion.

*- Harry is to go into greater detail about what he wants from comrades at his next fundraiser.

*- There is to be a social planned for the week-end of May 21, 22, and 23 at Camp Poundmaker.

Next Meeting: Mon, May 16

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group,
Toronto cadre

28/05/88

Attendance: Dowson, Doctorow, Kopyto, Tomczak, Meaghan, Steinbock,
Smith, Anderson, Clinton

Apologies: Kasher, Darling

Minutes of last meeting: adopted as read

Chair: Harry Kopyto

Membership/Contacts: Ross Dowson encouraged comrades to bring any
contacts they wished up to Camp Poundmaker with them this long
week-end.

Educational: The NDP leadership's new defense policy document,
"Canada's Stake in Common Security". The Educational was divided into
two parts: 1) Ross lead a discussion of the document, followed by
contributions by most of the comrades.
2) Gord Doctorow read out the final draft of the Open Letter to the
New Democratic Party. Discussion followed.

Moved/Carried: that the Open Letter be identified as initiated
by the Ontario NDP Left Caucus and that it be circulated throughout
the NDP nationally.

Moved/Carried: to endorse the line of the attached document (the Open
Letter) and present it to the Steering Committee of the Left Caucus
for discussion, endorsation, and broad circulation within the NDP,
as a document initiated by the Left Caucus.

NDP Activities:

- Ross reported that three people are contending for the NDP nomination
in his riding, Rosedale, and that he has endorsed Anton Kuerti, concert
pianist and long-time anti-war activist.

Harry Kopyto/ Angie Codina Case:

- there will be a meeting of Harry's Defense Committee at his office
on this Thursday night at 08:00 PM to work out the details of his
fundraiser/party, which will be at the home of Charles Roach on Sat.
May 28.

New Business:

- Harry notes that Charles Roach organized 6 busloads of people (most
from Toronto's Black community) to be part of the recent Anti-Apartheid
Caravan to Ottawa. This culminated in a demonstration in front of the
South African embassy.

Next Meeting: Tues May 31

Next Educational: Glastnost and Perestroika in the Soviet Union.

Speaker: Jeff Smith

Meeting Adjourned: at 10:30

Educational: - "Glastnost and Perestroika "
speaker: Jeff Smith

Harry Kopyto/ Angie Codina Defense:

- discussion on the fundraiser at Charles Roach's house on Sat. May 28. Comrades judged it to be a success.
- Harry reported that the May issue of the legal journal, "Ontario Reports" devoted 75 pages to his case.
- next Wednesday, the Law Society is presenting its case against Harry. Harry is going to deliver a 45-minute speech to the Society. This will be primarily a political speech, and he will be his only witness.
- the Discipline Committee of the Law Society has refused to consider Angie's claim that they are prejudiced against her. Her case will now be moved to the Supreme Court of Canada (Harry and Angie are moving it there.).

New Business:

- Ross reports that there will be a meeting of the Camp Poundmaker Committee next Sunday at Lois Bedard's to discuss a motion to liquidate the Camp.

Moved/Carried:- that the next meeting be next week at Art Gray's on Tuesday June 7.

Meeting adjourned: II:15

attendance: Dowson, Doctorow, Codina, Clinton, Kopyto, Meaghan, Smith, Tomczak, Steinbock

apologies: Kasher, Anderson, Darling
(Art Gray observing)

chair: Joe Steinbock

minutes of last meeting: adopted as read

membership/contacts: Bill Clinton raised the matter of Ari Rozin an activist in Don Valley North NDP. Rozin is developing to the left, is showing a marked interest in the Group and in Marxism in general. Bill asked how to procede. Joe Steinbock is in the same Riding Association, knows Rozin, and suggested that he will try to get Rozin active in Jews for a Just Peace, and go through some more experiences with him that way. (Joe, Bill, Gord and Dianne are all active with Rozin in that Riding Association.)

- Harry Kopyto raised the matter of Charles Roach, another contact. Harry feels that Roach cannot be recruited at this time. His position on the NDP is markedly different from ours. Discussion followed.

Moved/Carried: - that Harry continue to talk with Roach with an aim to bringing him around, with the help of another comrade if he feels that would help.

Moved/Carried: - that Angie Codina be dropped from membership in the Toronto branch, and be recognized as a Member at Large, as she currently spends most of her time in Hong Kong, where she works.

NDP Activities:

- Ross notes that the election for the NDP candidacy in Rosedale Riding is tomorrow night, June 1. Discussion followed, focusing on the rumours that Anton Kuerti, one of the contestants, is supposed to have made an anti-gay remark.

- Gord Doctorow reported on the Judy Rebick campaign for the nomination in Scarborough West. Gord helped her in the campaign. Rebick lost the nomination. to Dave Gracey.

- Ross raised the question of the Draft of the Open Letter to the Federal Council of the NDP, which was drafted by Gord, Harry, and Dave. It has not yet gone to the Steering Committee of the NDP Left Caucus for consideration and possible endorsation.

- Moved/Carried: - that the Draft of the Open Letter should be presented to the Steering Committee as soon as possible.

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MINUTES: The FORWARD Group,
Toronto cadre Tues. June 7/88

attendance: Dowson, Kopyto, Anderson, Codina, Steinbock, Clinton,
Tomczak

apologies: Doctorow, Kasher, Meaghan, Smith

observing: Art Gray

minutes of last meeting: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: nothing to report

Educational: nothing scheduled. "Hat-box" educational placed
at bottom of agenda.

NDP Activities:

-report on Rosedale nomination meeting given by Ross Dowson

Harry Kopyto/Angie Codina Defense:

-Harry's case is coming up tomorrow, at Osegoode Hall. The press
will be in attendance, and he proposes to deliver a 45-minute
speech to the Discipline Committee of the Law Society, defending
the content of his "Krazy Glue" statement, and his right to
make such a speech. He will also be his only witness.

Moved/Carried: -to adopt the line of Harry's approach.

Camp Poundmaker:- Ross reports on the progress regarding the
Camp. A couple of people from the Shareholder's Committee are
going up to the Camp-area to have it's value assed by real-
estate agents. The general movement is toward the eventual
liquidation of the Camp.

Moved/Carried:- to adopt the line of Ross's report.

Jews for a Just Peace:

-Joe Steinbock report on the organization: A number of ex-comrades,
people trained in the Trotskyist movement, are active in the
J.J.P. There will be a meeting soon to elect a Steering Committee.

Moved/Carried: -that Joe should make the organization one of his
assignments, and run for a post on the future Steering Committee.

Hat-Box Educational: -the following subjects were discussed:

- " Is it excluded that China could go capitalist as a result
of the new economic course?"

- "Does feminism advance the struggle for socialism, or is it
merely reformist?"

- " The socialist movement in Britain and the current situation
of the Labour Party".

Next Educational: "Marxism and Nationalism." to be given by
Harry Kopyto.

Next Meeting : to be held two weeks from now. Meeting adjourned
at II:00

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group,
Toronto Cadre, Tues., June 21, 1988

Attendance: Steinbock, Smith, Kopyto, Dowson, Tomczak, Meaghan.
Apologies: Doctrow, Anderson, Clinton.
Absent without reason: Kasher, Darling.

Moved/Carried - That the minutes of the last meeting be adopted as read.

Membership and contacts: Nothing to report

NDF Activities:

-Report on Willowdale nomination meeting by Jeff.

Anne Adelson, who is very active in the peace movement defeated the right-wing challenge. CFTO camera operator asked to leave due to lockout at CFTO.

-Report on Oriole/Don Valley East B.B.Q. by Joe. -Poor turnout

-Notice of upcoming Willowdale B.B.Q. by Jeff. Suggested some comrades intervene with the NATO/NORAD statement

-Report on Trinity/Spadina riding by Dave.

Dan Heaps thinking of abstaining on Meech Lake vote and wants to know where the Left Caucus stands on the issue.

Camp Poundmaker:

-Ross reported that the real estate agents the resale value of the camp at \$100,000.00. ~~Some members of the camp committee are opposed to the liquidation of the camp and have moved to block the sale.~~

Soviet Union:

-Ross reported on recent articles re. the cancellation of history exams for students under 16 because the text books cannot be trusted. This indicates, also, a crisis in the Communist Party of Canada. Ross suggested that we consider putting out an issue of FORWARD dedicated to the ideas of Trotsky in light of these recent events.

Left Caucus:

-Ross spoke on the importance of circulating the NATO/NORAD statement at the provincial convention. It was decided that Jeff contact Jim Anderson and Lois Stewart to make contact with Manfred Netzel to co-ordinate their activities in Thunder Bay. He should also have Jim contact Joe to arrange to pick up copies of the statement and the Left Caucus Newsletter.

-Jeff expressed concern that the last issue is 6 months old.

Barry Weisleder:

-Barry proposed that Ross address what was formerly known as the A.S.A. on the issue of the Soviet Union. Certain other groups in the socialist camp have expressed no interest.

EDUCATIONAL: Harry spoke on Marxism and Nationalism.

Other Business:

-Harry spoke to the Discipline Committee of the Law Society for 33 minutes wherein he challenged the committee to declare the rules unconstitutional. Decision has been reserved. Media coverage was good.

-Moved/ carried- To strike 2 people to report on the feasibility of putting out a special issue of FORWARD. Harry and Ross were elected to carry out the study.

Next Educational: Nothing Planned

Next Meeting: To be held Tues. July 5, 1988. Meeting Adjourned at 10:45

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group/ Toronto cadre, July 5/1988

Chair: Joe Steinbock

Attendance: Dowson, Steinbock, Anderson, Kopyto, Doctorow, Clinton

Apologies: Smith, Darling, Tomczak, Kasher

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Business Arising from Last Meeting's Minutes: Spadina M.P.

Dan Heap has voted in favour of the Meech Lake Accord.

Camp Poundmaker: Ross reports that Manuel Azevado, noted left-wing lawyer, came to the week-end social at the Camp the last week-end.

(Azevado used to be very active in Dovercourt NDP.)

NDP Activities:

NDP Left Caucus: -the "Open Letter to the NDP Federal Council From Fellow New Democrats Concerning Federal Council Policy on NATO/NORAD and Defence " has been mailed out by Ross and Lois Beddard.

- Manfred Netzel distributed the Open Letter at the Ontario NDP Convention in Thunder Bay .

-Ross stressed the importance of circulating the Letter at NDP Riding meetings and within the Party in general, whenever possible.

Ontario NDP Convention:

- Gord reported : - the Convention was poorly attended, with less than 500 members in attendance due to the chosen location. The event was carefully manipulated by the leadership, with debate kept to a bare minimum, and very few resolutions being passed.

*- there will be a meeting of the Left Caucus Steering Committee at Gord's home this Sunday, to be followed by a social for friends and supporters of the Caucus.

- Dan Heap: - Gord reported (with information from Dave Tomczak, who was there) on a recent meeting of Trinity Spadina NDP, at which Heap was pressured by his Riding Executive into taking a firm public stand in his election-distribution material against NATO.

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- Moved/Carried:

- *- Ross will be attending the July 11 City Council, ~~at the invitation of~~ and will be among those who will encourage the City Council to protest the proposed funding of nuclear submarines by the Federal Govt.

Left Caucus:

- comrades feel that the Open Letter at every NDP nomination meeting
- this Sunday's meeting: - comrades discussed priorities
- Ross felt there must be a new issue of the Newsletter
- comrades discussed the content of the upcoming newsletter:
 - possible topics:
 - the NDP Youth
 - the Arms Budget
 - Dan Heag's backsliding
 - an outline of a ~~new~~ left-wing program ~~outline~~ for NDP candidates in the upcoming federal elections
 - the Open Letter ~~to~~ to the Federal Council

- comrades strongly suggest that a Forum be held in the fall (to coincide with the next Newsletter) and that the subject be the Open Letter to the Federal Council
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Forward: - the newspaper:

- comrades discussed the question of putting out a special issue of the paper dealing with events in the Soviet Union (glasnost / perestroika and political revolution)

- Moved / Carried: - That Ross and Harry be designated to do serious work on the specifics of putting out a special issue of Forward

Educational: - Ross Dowson on recent events in the Soviet Union and the recent conference of the ~~Comm~~ CPSU

New Business:

Tools for Peace open House (new office)
Tues, July 19/88 from 5 to 8 PM
(just before our meeting)

- 394 ~~th~~ Euclid

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- to celebrate the 9th anniversary
of the Nicaraguan Revolution

Next Meeting: - Tues July 19/88

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 PM

Next Educational: - Gord Doctorow
on Women in the
Labour Movement

(- after that: Harry Kopyto on
the revolutionary movement in France)

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group/ Toronto cadre

July 19/88

Chair: Jeff Smith

Attendance: Dowson, Kopyto, Meaghan, Doctorow, Smith, Clinton

Apologies: Tomczak, Darling, Steinbock,

Absent-no explanation: Kasher, Anderson

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: Ross and Jeff reported that Tony Benn, British Labour Party M P and leader of the Labour left-wing is coming to Canada soon. His tour will be sponsored by the Irvine-Woodsworth Fellowship, a left caucus in the Alberta NDP.

Ross proposed that the Ontario NDP Left Caucus get in touch with the Alberta brothers and sisters and see if the Left Caucus can host Benn at a speaking engagement in Toronto, and co-sponsor the tour.

Camp Poundmaker: - Ross reported on a meeting of the Camp's shareholders and that proceedings have been delayed till Labour Day.

Educational: - Gord Doctorow on the "Role of Women in the Work Force."

NDP Activities:

Ridings: -Gord reported that Don Valley North NDP, the Federal Riding that he, Dianne, Joe, and Bill are active in, is still looking for a candidate for the up-coming federal elections. Suzie Vallence, an OPSEU activist that the riding association had considered and approached has declined. Anton Kuerti, the concert pianist who lost the nomination in Rosedale riding, has indicated an interest in running.
- Debate followed on the question of running Kuerti.

FORWARD: - Moved/Carried: that the proposed special issue of the paper be tabled until later. The special issue was to deal with Glastnost/Perestroika in the Soviet Union.

Moscow Trials Campaign:- Jeff and Ross as well as Fred Callahan, and the Dowson family were in attendance at a gathering of the various Trotskyist tendencies, hosted by the Alliance for Socialist Action. About 45 people were in attendance, including supporters of FORWARD, the A.S.A. the International Socialists, the Trotskyist League, the Bolshevik Tendency. The Revolutionary Workers League, official section of the Fourth International, boycotted the gathering, explaining that it had nothing to do with Cuban - solidarity work, their current fetish.

Meeting Adjourned; II:30

Next Educational: Harry Kopyto on "The Revolutionary Movement in France"

MINUTES: The FORWARD Group, Toronto cadre.

August 16/I988

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Attendance: Doctorow, Kopyto, Smith, Dowson, Clinton, Art Gray observing
Absent: Kasher, Tomczak, Anderson, Meaghan, Darling

Business Arising from Last Meeting's Minutes: -

Tony Benn, leader of the British Labor Party's left-wing, will not be able to come to Toronto on his way to speak in Alberta, due a tight schedule.

Membership/Contacts: - Gord and Bill reported on two contacts in their NDP Riding Association: John Young and Ari Rozin. Both felt that these two contacts are developing to the left, (particularly Rozin) and that they will draw closer to us through activity in the forthcoming Federal election.

Moved/Carried: -that comrades should go in a group to the up-coming Sandino boat tour at Harbourfront. This presents an opportunity to consolidate our milieu, if we invite contacts and supporters along.

Moved/Carried: - that Bill and Ross give a report on the state of the Group and it's functioning.

NDP Activities:

- Left Caucus Open Letter:- Ross reports that the response has been very good, after a couple of mailings that were organized by LC co-chair Lois Beddard. The Socialist Scholars Committee of the NDP (left-wing students and academics who are in the NDP) have shown an interest. A number of people have signed the petition on the back of the Letter and mailed them back in. Comrades are encouraged to sign it and take a copy to all left-wingers in the Party for their signatures. and take around to any NDP candidates nomination meetings they know of.

Riding Associations:

-Gord and Bill reported on the situation in Don Valley North NDP. Anton Kuerti will be running for the nomination. As yet, there are no other candidates. Kuerti will be giving a benefit concert in October. The nomination meeting will be on Thurs. Sept, 1. NDP leader Bob Rae, and MPP Lynn MacDonald will be present. The NDP has agreed to provide a union-staffer for the Riding, for the election, and to pay for his/her time.

Educational: Harry Kopyto on the State of the Revolutionary Movement in France.

- meeting adjourned at 11:00PM

Next Meeting: Tues Sept. 6/I988

Next Educational: Bill Clinton on "Market Socialism"

MINUTES: The Forward Group/

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(next mtg. Sept 20)

Chair: Jeff Smith

Attendance: Dowson, Doctorow, Clinton, Kopyto, Anderson, Smith

Absent: Steinbock, Kopyto, Tomczak, Kasher, Meaghan, Darling,

Minutes: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: -John Glenn, Forward member in Brantford, is moving to Bloomington, Illinois. (U.S.A.) for some academic upgrading. John is a former school principal.

- Ross reported that letters are still coming in, in reply to the Open Letter to Fellow NDP members from the Left Caucus, and the question of maintaining correspondence with these people is posed.

- Sandino Boat Tour: Bill is assigned to do the phoning of our members and contacts to find out who will want to go.

- Steve Biko Memorial Night: - Mon. Sept 12. Bill is assigned to attend.

NDP Activities:

Riding Associations:

- Gord and Bill reported on the Don Valley North NDP candidates nomination meeting, of Thurs. Sept. 1. Comrades felt that the meeting was quite a success, as it was well attended and as candidate Anton Kuerti spoke well.

- Glendon Campus (York University) New Democratic Youth: - Jim and Jeff discussed possible speakers and topics for the Campus club. They also expressed the the desire to start a Glendon NDP which would include the Youth and adult NDP members.

NDP Left Caucus:

- the Steering Committee is meeting on Wed. Sept. 28
- Ross strongly suggests that the Caucus put out a Newsletter before the forthcoming Federal election.

Educational: postponed

Next Meeting: Tues. Sept. 20/88

Meeting adjourned at 11:00

Chair: Joe Steinbock

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Attendance: Dowson, Tomczak, Doctorow, Kopyto, Clinton

Abscent: Meaghan, Smith, Anderson, Kasher, Darling

Membership/Contacts:

- Bill reported that he attended the recent Steve Biko Memorial Night. Poet Amiri Baraka spoke, as did a representative of the Azanian People's Organization. Hosted by the Biko/Rodney/Malcolm Coalition (who now own the La Plaza Theater) the tone of the meeting was very militant. Charles Roach's daughter, Sunset, was there observing.

NDP Activities:

- Gord reported on the state of the Don Valley North NDP election campaign. Gord is advising Anton Kuerti, the candidate, on the campaign literature and on his recorded tape. Kuerti seems open to advice. The campaign still needs a full-time organizer. Unions have shown a reluctance to lend out someone to what they feel is an "atsy" campaign.

- discussion followed on the recent proposal by Ed Broadbent that the NDP would be open to a coalition with either Tory or Liberal Party.

NDP Left Caucus:

- Steering Committee meeting on Sept 28 at Jeff Smith's.
- comrades feel the Newsletter must be out soon, calling for an NDP vote, but against coalitionism.

Jews For a Just Peace:

- Gord sent them \$75 as they have circulated an appeal, in NOW magazine, denouncing the treatment of Palestinian political prisoners.

Camp Pounmaker:

- Ross reported that no progress has been made in regards to the resolution of the camp's future.

New Business: the Communist Party is holding a meeting on Glastnost on the 29 of Sept. at 7:00 PM at OISIE. Some comrades should circulate the recent article on Trotsky that I.V. ran (taken from Italian C.P. paper.)

Next Meeting: Tues. Oct 4/88

Chair: Joe Steinbock

Attence: Dowson, Doctorow, Kopyto, Tomczak, Steinbock, Smith, Anderson, Clinton (with Art Gray observing)

Absent: Meaghan, Kasher, Darling

Minutes of last Meeting: - not available

Membership/Contacts: - Gord and Bill raised the question of Ari Rozin, a contact within the Oriole(provincial) and Don Valley North(federal) NDP. Comrades noted that Rozin has thrown himself into the NDP's federal campaign with great enthusiasm, dropping out of University to work full-time in the campaign, unpaid. ~~forward a motion at the next meeting of the Election Planning Committee of Don Valley North NDP, that Rozin be made full-time paid Organizer for the Anton Kuerti campaign.~~ Discussion of the best way in which to approach Rozin about joining Forward ensued.

Moved/Carried: - that Bill and Gord be designated to approach him, and then to report back to the Group at next meeting.

- Ross raised the question of Bob Kasher. Bob has not attended a meeting for a number of months. Discussion followed.

Moved/Carried: - that Dave Tomczak be designated to meet with Bob and find what his situation is, and where he stands in relation to the Group, and what he is going to do about his attendance.

NDP Activities:

- NDP Riding Associations:

- Don Valley North NDP: Gord reported on the campaign. The Election Planning Committee has a full-time paid organizer, Ari Rozin, a telephone, and an office. The election sign is very bold and evocative, with the slogans "Ecology, Sovereignty, Peace" underneath Anton Kuerti's picture, which shows him playing the piano. The cassette tape, produced for distribution to potential supporters, is ready, as Gord and Joe have re-worked and polished it. Working relations with Anton Kuerti are good.

NDP Activities continued...

NDP Left Caucus:

- deadline for Left Caucus Newsletter articles is Sun. Oct. 23.
- Ross suggested that Bill write the article on recent Native struggles, re. Lubicon Cree Band in northern Alberta. Not enough material on the left-wing challenge to Neil Kinnock's leadership of the British Labour Party, by Tony Benn and Eric Heffer, to write the assigned article on that.
- lively discussion followed on the article submitted for publication in Newsletter by ex-Forward member Esther Bissoon. Some comrades were for publication of the article, while some were not. Editor Gord Doctorow explained that the ~~was~~ unpublishable from a technical standpoint, as much as anything else: it was far too long, it was autobiographical, and Bissoon refused to allow it to be edited at all. It was decided to let the Editors, Gord and Harry, handle it. (Bissoon is on the Left Caucus Steering Committee).
- Glendon Campus NDP (York University):
 - Jeff and Jim reported on growing membership of the Campus club, and on contacts Steve Sobel and ^{Mike} ~~Dave~~ Laxer (son of economist and former Waffle leader James Laxer.) Sobel was attracted to the International Socialists for a while, but is disenchanted with them, and has rejoined the NDP. Laxer is an active member of the Campus club, and, while in France, was around the French Communist Party. Comrades report that he is friendly to them and that they have been open about their membership in Forward. Laxer has shown an interest in Trotsky's writings, and Jeff and Jim consider him a possible future recruit. He has been very active in Canadian Action for Nicaragua.

NDP Fedral Election Campaign:

-Harry lead the discussion. Consensus among comrades was that the NDP's campaign has been still-born and apolitical, concentrating on the personality of leader Ed Broadbent (the main slogan so far has been "This Time, Ed."). It has also been made farcical by Broadbent's proposal of a coalition of Liberals, Conservatives, and the NDP. The NDP has so far remained aloof from the developing Native struggle and has missed many opportunities while running a non-class campaign. It has allowed the Liberals to seize the initiative in the anti-Free Trade campaign and make it their own. The NDP's position has declined in the polls, and wide-spread decline in morale is likely after the election is over.

Harry Kopyto Defense Committee:

- Harry reports that his case regarding the Law Society of Upper Canada will be stalled in the courts for at least a year, as it moves on to higher courts. The decision on the "Krazy Glue" statement will be coming down in a few days.

- Harry has been retained by the family of Gardner Myers, a young man who died while in police custody at 55 Division recently. Myers family fired their previous lawyer, preferring to hire Harry. The case has been receiving a lot of publicity in the press lately, particularly given the recent rash of shooting deaths at the hands of the Metro Police.

- meeting adjourned.

- next meeting : Tues. Nov. 1/1988

Chair: Jeff Smith

Attendance: Dowson, Kopyto, Anderson, Smith,
Steinbock, Clinton

Absent: Doctorow, Kasher, Tomczak, Meaghan, Darling

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: - Bill reported on contact in
Oriole/Don Valley North NDP, Ari Rozin. Rozin expressed
desire to accept invitation of Forward membership.

Moved/Carried: that Ari Rozin be accepted into the
Forward Group as a member.

- Jeff reported that there have been no new develop-
ments re. contact ^{with} ~~David~~ Laxer, at Glendon Campus.

Tabled: - a projected, 5-part Sunday night educational
series on the "Role and Functioning of an Vanguard
Organization."

Moved/Carried: -that two comrades be struck off to
talk to Dianne about her attendance. She has missed
all Group meetings since the federal election began.

Dianne has made it clear that she does not believe
that cadre meetings should be held during a federal
election, Harry and Joe are elected to speak to her.

Moved/Carried: that two comrades be struck off to talk
to John Darling about his relationship to the Group.

Joe and Bill are nominated.

NDP Activities:

- Don Valley North NDP: Joe reported that tickets
were being sold for the benefit concert on Nov. 12.

- some good polling is being done, and a functioning
political machine has developed in the riding.

Scarborough Centre NDP: -Jim reported. The candidate
is Garth Dee, a labour lawyer and expert on health and
safety legislation who works for Workers Compensation
Board. Jim reports that NDP is doing well in the polls
in that riding with a slim lead.

Glendon Campus NDP: - Jeff/Jim report that the club is
having the local NDP candidate, Ian Cameron of OSSTF
and Don Valley West as guest speaker. Afterward they will
be showing the pro-union radical film Matewan.

- the Campus NDP club will be doing polling for Cameron.

Jews for a Just Peace: nothing to report.

Harry Kopyto Defense:

- Law Union of Ontario Conference to be held on Nov. 4.

Ex-comrade Regula Modlich will be a featured speaker.

NDP Federal Campaign: - informal discussion among comrades

Next Meeting: Tues. Nov. 15

Educational; "Myths of Market Socialism." to be given
by Bill

Meeting adjourned: 11:30

Chair: Jim Anderson

Attendance: Dowson, Doctorow, Clinton, Smith, Anderson, Kasher

Apologies: Meaghan, Steinbock, Kopyto,

Absent: Darling

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as amended

Membership/Contacts: - Bill reported that he and Joe had not had an opportunity to speak with John Darling about his relationship to the branch.

- Bill/Gord reported that Ari Rozin, Group contact and member/organizer for Don Valley North NDP was attending a NDP function with comrade Dianne Meaghan, so neither was able to attend the branch meeting.

NDP ACTIVITIES:

- Glendon Campus NDP: Jeff reported that Mike Laxer, a contact, is very active in his (Laxer's) federal NDP riding. He is not as active in the Campus NDP as Jeff and Jim would like, so contact with him is limited.

- Glendon Campus NDP has approached Norman Penner, leading Marxist historian about doing a forum on his most recent book, "Canadian Communism: The Stalin Years and Beyond." Penner has expressed interest.

- Glendon NDP is doing some work for the local NDP riding, Don Valley West NDP, in the federal election.

- Don Valley North NDP: - Gord reported on the Benefit Concert given by the riding association, at which candidate Kuerti played. Kuerti made a strong speech after the concert, rejecting the idea of coalitionism, and promoting withdrawal from NATO/NORAD. He also took a class-line against Free Trade. The concert generated \$3000 but activists were disappointed that Ed Broadbent did not show up.

- Scarborough Centre NDP: Jim reports that the NDP has a slight lead in that riding, and has attracted a good number of campaign workers. Garth Dee, the candidate, has been speaking very effectively in debates, particularly at High Schools.

- Broadview-Greenwood NDP: - Bob reports that the local Liberal candidate is taking a lot of Tory votes, and Bob feels it is quite possible that NDP MP Lynn MacDonald, the incumbent, will lose her seat in this election.

Municipal Elections: - discussion was lead by Ross, on the recent endorsement of community activist Carole Ann Wright by the "Reform Toronto" slate (a combination of NDP members and non-members who are community activists). Wright is not a Party member.

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NDP Left Caucus:

- Gord reported on the problems the Editors of the Newsletter had in putting out this issue. **Especially** important was the difficult task of working out the problems posed by the behaviour of ex-comrade Esther Bissoon, which was further complicated by the uncooperative ~~behaviour~~ of Forward member Dianne Meaghan.
- Ross suggested that the latest issue of the Newsletter should be vigorously circulated to contacts, and within the NDP in general, particularly with an eye to cementing our ties with the best elements in the NDP.

Membership/Contacts: continued

- Bob raised the question of someone he knows, an activist in OPSEU Local 596 (where Bob's wife, Leslie Burke, is President) and in the NDP. The man's name is Chzad, and he is a Palestinian. He was active in Lebanon with one of the more left-wing factions of the PLO. Bob feels that this man is probably looking for a more left-wing grouping than he has found in the union or the NDP.
- Gord raised the issue of John Young, an activist in the Don Valley North NDP, whom he, Joe, Dianne, and Bill know quite well. Young is moving left constantly, and Gord feels that he can be recruited. Bill noted that Young was active in the Nicaraguan Solidarity Campaign while he was in Britain, and that, through Amnesty International, he has been active in solidarity with imprisoned trade-unionists. Also, Bill feels that their talks have been positive, noting that Young was particularly taken with Jack London's "The Iron Heel", which Bill lent him.

Camp Poundmaker: - Ross reports that there will be a meeting next Sunday, of the Shareholders Committee.

New Business: - Bob reported that OPSEU Local 596 recently negotiated a contract with Ryerson Polytechnical Institute, that is probably the best such contract yet, in Canada. It contains an increase of 37.5 %, over two years and is breaking new ground in terms of pay equity and job evaluation.

- the Ontario Coalition of Abortion Clinics will be holding a demonstration at City Hall at 12:00 PM on Saturday. Distribution of the Left Caucus Newsletter must be organized. Jim and Bill are in charge of Distribution. (Next Meeting: Nov. 29/88)

MINUTES: The Forward Group/ Toronto branch

Nov. 29/1988

Chair: Jim Anderson

Attendance: Dowson, Anderson, Smith, Kopyto, Steinbock, Clinton and Ari Rozin

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: Bill introduced Ari Rozin to the Group, citing the intensive and positive working experience that he and comrades Doctorow, Steinbock, and Meaghan had had with Ari in the Don Valley North NDP Riding Association during the recent Federal election.

- Gord Doctorow's report on his discussion with Dianne Meaghan, re. attendance at Group meetings and her relationship to the Group, has been post-poned to next meeting at Gord's request.

- John Darling: -discussion among comrades re. John's relationship to the Group. Bill and Joe have been assigned to speak to him on this matter.

-John Young: Young is an activist in the Don Valley North NDP, one with whom comrades have had a close and positive working relationship. Ari Rozin expressed the view that a preliminary discussion with John was in order.

- Harry Kopyto raised the question of a New Years Eve party/social to consolidate our milieu.

Moved/Carried: - that a social will be held at Harry's home at 211 Dunvegan Road on Dec. 31/88.

NDP Activities:

-Federal election results: Harry led the discussion preformance in the election, and the tasks and opportunities before the left in the wake of the campaign.

- discussion followed

Moved/Carried: that an emergency meeting of the NDP Left Caucus Steering Committee be held immediately, with an eye to....

1) -mounting a Forum on the election

2) - putting out a post-election Newsletter

3) - beginning to organize the Left Caucus for the 1989 Federal NDP Convention, with an aim to taking on the Federal leadership.

Moved/Carried: that at next meeting, the Group have a discussion on Free Trade, to take the place of the Educational. All comrades are advised to be prepared to speak.

NDP Riding Associations:

- Don Valley North NDP:

Ari Rozin evaluated the present state of the Riding and its membership. This Sunday evening there will be a meeting to organize a membership drive.

- Scarborough-Agincourt NDP:

Bill reported that he thought it would be a good idea to transfer his Party membership there, as that is where he lives, he has been active in that Riding before, and there has been a solid base developed there, among trade-unionists attracted by the candidacy of Susie Vallance, an Ontario Public Service Employees Union Vice-President.

- Scarborough-Centre: Jim reported that the NDP did better in his Riding than in most, and a membership drive is projected. He also feels that the opportunities exist to build the Ontario New Democratic Youth, based on the very positive response to the campaign by young.

- Moved/Carried: that comrades read Harry's article, which he projects as being something we can intervene at Provincial Council with.

- Camp Poundmaker: Ross reported that a formal decision has been made to sell the Camp.

Harry Kopyto Defense:

- Harry discussed the recent ruling on the Gardner Myers case, and the idea of a "Counter-Inquest". Rabbi Rueben Slonim and June Callwood are two people who have expressed interest in being "jurors". Money has been coming in for this purpose, public sentiment is with Myers's family, and Harry believes that the basis is there for a serious anti-Police abuse campaign.

Forward Classes:

_ Harry and Bill reported their proposals for a series of classes aimed at our members and our milieu:

- 1) - The Transitional Programme for Socialist Revolution
- 2) - The Fourth International: its history and aims/role
- 3) - Our Historic Orientation to The NDP

- classes would be held on alternate Sundays from Group meetings, at Harry's house. at roughly 7:30 to 9:30.

- Moved/Carried: that comrades be assigned readings and our milieu contacted.

Meeting Adjourned at 10:45 PM

Next Meeting: Tues Dec.13/88

MINUTES: The Forward Group/ Toronto cadre Tues. Dec. 20/88

Attence: Dowson, Doctorow, Anderson, Meaghan, Smith, Clinton,
Art Gray observing

Chair: Jeff Smith

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: Gord reported that Dianne Meaghan had been busy with the NDP federal campaign, as well as anti-work, and hence could not attend Group meetings for a while.

John Darling: Bill reported that he and Joe Steinbock had not been able to speak to John about his relationship to the Group. John is out of the country for a vacation for a while and Bill and Joe will have to talk him in the New Year.

John Young:-contact: Jim Anderson reported that John has recently been active in setting up a young club in Don Valley North/Oriole NDP. He has gathered together a educational group, using films and literature to educate the young people about the NDP.

NDP Activities:

- ONDP Provincial Council: Bill reported on the Council, which he attended as delegate for Oriole NDP. Susie Vallance, former candidate for Scarborough-Agincourt NDP, and Anton Kuerti, candidate for Don Valley North NDP, made some of the best speeches from the floor. The NDP Left Caucus had a fair prescence there, with Bill assisting Lois Beddard, who set up a L.C. display table. Dave Tomczak, Lois, and Bill distributed the last two issues of the L.C. Newsletter to a generally receptive crowd.

- Gord offered his analyses of the state of the Party after the federal election, particulrly given the critical letter from Bob White, head of Canadian Auto Workers.

-discussion followed, on the Provincial Council and the future role of and opportunities for the Left Caucus.

ONDP Left Caucus:

-Moved/Carried: -that the L.C. Steering Committee convene a meeting as soon as possible in the new year, preferably within the first week of January.

- discussion of ONDP Left Caucus Social on New Years at Harry's /Joe's.

Forward Classes:

- Bill raised the need to move concretely to refine and plan classes.

-Moved/Carried: -that the Classes Committee, consisting of Harry and Bill, contact our members and milieu and organize the speakers and readings. This is not to be publicized at the NDP Left Caucus Social.

- Wade Lawson Rally: - Gord reported that he and contact John Young attended the rally held in protest of the recent police killing of Lawson, a black teen-ager. Rally was poorly attended, with about 500 people, mostly black. Neither Charles Roach, black community activist and radical civil-rights lawyer, nor Harry were in attendance. Gord didtribute Left Caucus Newsletters.

Next Educational: Bill Clinton on Workers States and the Market

Next Meeting: Wed. Jan. 4 1989

Meeting Adjourned: 10:00

MINUTES: The Forward Group/ Toronto cadre

Wed. Jan. 4/1989

Chair: Ari Rozin

Attendance: Dowson, Doctorow, Kopyto, Steinbock, Tomczak, Clinton, Rozin

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: -Gord reported that he had contacted John Young, of Oriole NDP, re. the Left Caucus New Year's Social. Young had to be in Saskatchewan for a family event, so he could not attend. Jeff Smith brought contact Steve Sobel to the Social, where he talked to Ross.

NDP Activities:

-Ontario NDP Left Caucus: - the next meeting of the Left Caucus Steering Committee will be held at Jeff's house on Wed. Jan II at 8:00 PM.

-Gord reported that he has spoken to Phil Jones, and that Jones expressed a desire to be more active in the L.C., and that he sees Riding work as "useless". Jones was a NDP candidate in the recent federal election. Gord will be organizing the phoning of non-Steering Committee members (who are Left Caucus supporters) to attend the Steering Committee meeting. (ie. Ari, John Young, Jones, etc.)

- Ross raised the issue of preliminary contact with political activists who would be good speakers for the projected Left Caucus Forum. For instance, he suggested making contact with the leaders of the Quebec NDP.

- discussion followed, with comrades discussion the appropriateness of Forward members (who are on the Steering Committee) making this contact prior to the Steering Committee meeting, in the name of the Steering Committee.

-possible sites for a Forum or a Convention were projected, including:

- 1) Metro. Toronto Board of Education
- 2) 519 Church Street-Community Center
- 3) Steelworker's Hall

4) the United Jewish People's Order Hall (Cranbrook)

- comrades projected the idea of a Convention beginning on Friday night, with a Forum on the recent Federal election, then a resumption of the Convention on the Saturday, with the Quebec NDP leaders addressing the issue of Quebec.

-Moved/Carried: that Forward comrades on the Steering Committee go to the meeting with a "provisional proposal" that a two-day Convention be held on March 3 and March 4.

..... suggested speakers for the discussion on the election were:

- Linda Torney, Pres., Metro. Toronto Labour Council
- Svend Robinson, NDP MP for Burnaby, British Columbia
- Bob White, Pres. Canadian Auto Workers
- Leo Gerrard, United Steelworkers of America (Ontario)
- Lynn MacDonald, former NDP MP for Broadview-Greenwood
- Dan Heap, NDP MP for Trinity-Spadina
- Anton Kuerti, former candidate for Don Valley North NDP
- the new NDP MP in Alberta (a Left Caucus supporter)

-Harry and Dave were nominated to do some preliminary contact work on potential speakers, using the afore-mentioned provisional dates, before the Left Caucus Steering Committee meeting.

- Moved/Carried: that a comrade be struck off to prepare a thorough report on the opportunities and challenges before the left in the NDP. Gord was nominated.

- Moved/Carried: that a comrade be struck off to do some preliminary work on the NDP Left Caucus Newsletter, for an upcoming issue. Harry is nominated.

NDP Left Caucus Social:

-Gord reported on the affair, noting that a good number of people attended, with himself, Harry, and Charles Roach speaking.

L.C. Steering Committee members were not there. The event brought in only a little more money than was spent. Gord attributed the fact that a number of supporters, whom we might reasonably expect to be there, did not show up, to the Caucus's low profile of late. Gord's assesment was that the Social did not contribute to consolidating our milieue, and that the Steering Committee is too in-ward looking and insular.

-discussion followed, on the relationship of forces in the Left Caucus.

Gardiner Myers Counter-Inquest:

- Harry distributed a pamphlet on the counter-inquest and asked comrades for guidance on what role he should play.

Harry Kopyto Defense:

- on Tues. Jan. 30, Harry goes before the Law Society's Discipline Committee, at Osgoode Hall.

Forward Public Classes:

- Moved /Carried: that the projected public classes that were to beaimed at our milieu, be re-directed into internal Educational to be given at cadre/branch meetings.

Next Meeting: Wed. Jan. 18/89

Next Educational: Bill Clinton on "Worker's States and the Market".

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 PM

MINUTES of the Toronto Forward Group meeting of Wednesday Jan 18, 1989

Chairperson-- Joe Steinbock

Secretary- Ross Dowson

Attendance- Kopyto, Dowson, Doctorow, Steinbock- Clinton working but turned over minutes to Gord.

Minutes adopted as read

Progress report on Left Caucus conference-meeting has been set up to further define the operation for tomorrow night at Homewood-Harry reported discussion with Gandle Report by Harry on developments in the Toronto Black movement in opposition to Toronto police racism. Increasing popular involvement particularly of black youth, further discussions on a civilian review board are taking place that would guarantee representation of forces in the black community. Discussions are opening up in several NDP ridings including Oriole. Roach playing a leading role and in increased collaboration with Kopyto It was agreed that we should firm up our relations with Roach through Harry and Gord deepening our discussions with him - particularly on the NDP.

Educational--Dowson reported that on basis of Clinton's unavailability to give his slated education that he is prepared to present a critique of Gord's document Perspectives before the ONDP Left Caucus. Discussion.

Meeting adjourned about 10:30

Dowson circulated a leaflet he had prepared out of an article reporting an important meeting addressed by Pierre Broue in Moscow calling for rehabilitation of Trotsky

RD rec. Sec'y

Attendance: Dowson, Kopyto, Kasher, Rozin, Smith, Anderson,
Doctow, Tomczak, Clinton, Steinbock
Art Gray observing

Chair: Jeff Smith

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: - report on the Social for the younger comrades held Friday night at Jeff's home: Jim, Jeff, and Bill attended. Good impressions of contact Steve Sobel.

Sobel formerly of International Socialists, now with Glendon Campus NDP

-report of Ari and Bill on contact John Young: comrades feel we need to go through some more experiences with Young, particularly in helping him to set up a Metro NDP Youth.

- contact Michael Laxer not deemed as serious as previously thought, by Jeff, Jim.

- Harry reported on contact Charles Roach: feels Roach is a very contradictory person, defending Bernard Coard in Grenada, for instance. Roach does not have an understanding of the NDP at all approaching ours and Harry feels that, while we may have a long and fruitful collaboration with him, we will not be recruiting him. Roach, formerly of Canadian Party of Labor (pro-Albanian Stalinist) is now in a C.P. milieu.

Peter Rosenthal: -Harry reported on Rosenthal, former C.P.L. member, very active in anti-apartheid movement. Has been very active around Harry's defense. Rosenthal, a mathematics Professor, is now studying to be a lawyer and works very closely with Roach. He only recently broke with C.P.L.

- Abie Weisfeld: former founding member of Forward, now an independent with anarchist leanings, Weisfeld is a noted peace activist. Harry recently defended him on nuisance charges. Went on hunger strike in jail. Was arrested in Ottawa for protesting Cruise missiles testing.

NDP Activities:

- Ross reports that there has been an influx of new activists into the the Rosedale Federal NDP, but Ross doesn't know where its going.

- Art reported on Rosedale.

- Oriole NDP: Gord reports- he received a letter from Ian Waddel, Chairman of the Ontario NDP Provincial Caucus, saying that "they" unanimously want Ed Broadbent to stay on as federal NDP leader. Gord feels this reflects the vacuum of leadership, rather than a secret campaign by Broadbent to stay on.

- discussion followed: comrades feel that Broadbent would step down and that the leadership race in August would probably center on personalities rather than issues. Regional power-struggles are also expected.

- Scarborough Agincourt NDP: Bill reported that Susie Vallance, OPSEU Region 5 Vice-President and former Federal candidate in that Riding will be running for President of that Provincial Riding. Vallance has brought in a whole lot of new trade-union activists to the Riding.

- Ross suggested that comrades should intervene strongly in their Riding Associations, putting forward resolutions with an eye to the up-coming federal NDP convention in August, utilizing the cracks in the Party opened up by the dissident letter of Bob White, CAW leader.

Oriole NDP continued: the Riding Association will be hosting a debate on Police and the Black Community, with Wilson Head, Black activist and Bob Rae, Ontario NDP leader debating Metro. police representatives.

- Glendon Campus NDP: will be hosting a debate between Joe Flexer, of Jews for a Just Peace (former comrade) and a as yet un-named pro-Zionist speaker.

- Gord reports that John Young has been asked to chair a projected Metro NDY.

NDP Left Caucus:

- recently held an educational meeting on Race, Class, and Gender at Dianne's house.

- L.C. Conference coming up in a month:

speakers will be - Howard McCurdy NDP MP

- Rolland Morin, leader of Quebec NDP

- Charles Roach

regrets sent by : Bob White, CAW

Linda Torney, Metro. Toronto Labour Council

Dr. Henry Morgentaler

Newsletter: deadline for articles set for this Sunday

Forward Educational: Bill Clinton on "Workers States and the Market"

- discussion followed

Harry Kopyto Defense:- Harry appeared Monday before the Discipline Committee of the Law Society of Upper Canada. Decision has been delayed. Professor Peter Rosenthal spoke in his defense.

Next Meeting: Wed. Feb. 15, 1989

Next Educational: Ari Rozin on " The On-going Debate Between Ernest Mendel and Alec Nove on Market Socialism"

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 PM

Attendance: Dowson, Kopyto, Rozin, Doctorow, Steinbock, Kasher
- Art Gray observing.

Chair: Gord Doctorow

Minutes of Last Meeting: Adopted as read, with a suggestion by Ross that the minutes should reflect the progress of activities by listing the tasks to be undertaken by the comrades by the next meeting for follow up. All agreed.

Membership/Contacts: Gord gave a report on contact John Darling. According to Gord, Darling has been avoiding an arranged meeting with the comrades. Gord suggested Darling should contribute financially if he is unable to contribute time-wise. Harry added that Darling is active in the 'Windsurfing Movement'. The comrades agreed that a meeting with John must be arranged. Joe and Bill to make the necessary arrangements.

Educational: Ari presented an educational on Mandel's article 'In Defence of Socialist Planning'. The article is part of Mandel's new book and is mainly a criticism of Alec Nove's book 'The Economics of Feasible Socialism'. - discussion followed.

NDP Left Caucus: Harry reported on the conference to be held February 24-26. He expressed concern that the conference is not as widely publicized as it should be. In order to increase the visibility of the conference Harry will contact radio stations and the print media. Ari & Bill will post flyers on street, and the other comrades will distribute the flyers to other interested parties. Harry also suggested a social on Saturday night during the conference so that contacts can be made in a social atmosphere. The comrades agreed. Harry went on to remind the comrades that the social will be BYOB. Gord also suggested that the Quebec leader of the NDP Rolland Morin should be taken out by the comrades to establish a supportive relationship. All agreed.

In terms of the newsletter, Harry reported that the comrades are slow in submitting the articles to the editor. Deadline was set as the upcoming weekend. In addition, Joe, Gord & Harry will meet on the weekend to input the articles on a computer. Ari agreed to help should the comrades need it.

NDP Activities: Joe ~~had~~ informed the group that Lois Mei has been nominated to run for VP in Brampton-Malton/Mississauga North. Gord gave a report on the Oriole NDP forum to be held Wed. Feb 22. Topic: 'Racism and the Police'. The forum will be used not only as a way to inform the public of the problem but also to increase the visibility of the party in the riding and, more importantly, to attract new members.

Kopyto Case: Recent developments in Harry's case include a recent Globe & Mail article entitled 'Law Society Challenges Own Rules' in which it is stated that the Law Society will review its own ruling.- in effect a review of a review. Harry thinks the Law Society is losing control of the proceedings. Harry also reported on a number of phone calls and letters expressing support, for Harry.

New Business: The comrades agreed that an educational should be assigned. Ari suggested The Forth International. Gord suggested Afghanistan or the Middle East and the PLO. It was decided that Joe will give educational on Middle East at the meeting after next.

Next Meeting: *March 1/89*
~~March 1/89~~

Meeting Adjourned: 11:00 P.M.

Tasks to be undertaken before next meeting (title suggested by Ross):

1. Meeting to be set with John Darling - Joe & Bill (not present at meeting though)
2. Harry to contact radio stations and print media re L.C. Conference.
3. Ari & Bill to post flyers on streets re L.C. Conference.
4. Social to be given at Harry's.
5. Newsletter to be printed and distributed.
6. Joe to be prepared to give educational next meeting.

Attendance: Dowson, Kopyto, Doctorow, Rozin, Clinton

Chair: Ari Rozin

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: -Ross noted that John Darling donated \$150 to the Left Caucus, at the recent L.C. Conference. John has suggested that ~~Ross might write a history of Camp Poundmaker~~ *a history be written of Camp Poundmaker*

- John Young: Oriole NDP Executive and Oriole NDY

Ari and Bill reported that they had lobbied hard at the Conference to get John to stand for Left Caucus Steering Committee, but were unsuccessful.

- Steve Sobel: stood for election to L.C. Steering Committee, identifying himself as a Marxist, explaining that he had left the NDP a few years ago to be in the International Socialists, as he had not encountered socialists in the NDP, nor seen much activity. Has now returned to the NDP and works quite well with comrades. Very good relationship with younger comrades.

- Lois Mei: Joe Steinbock's companion, intervened very well at Conference, pitching in to help out with book table. Ross feels we should consider her a live contact. Elected to Member at Large on Steering Committee.

- Rolland Morin: leader of Quebec NDP, spoke very well at both Forum and Conference, bringing greetings of Quebec NDP to Conference and going to some considerable trouble to be at both events. Spoke at a workshop during Conference, which was attended by Gord, Bill, Ari and Jim and Jeff. Expressed that he felt "quite at home with Left Caucus members". Identified himself as a socialist, and made a distinction between socialists and social democrats. Gord feels that we must put him on the L.C. Subscribers list and be in regular, serious contact with him.

- Abie Weisfeld: approached Ross and Harry with ideas. Identifies with L.C., but left movement long ago and is essentially an anarchist. Still, these comrades will be in contact with him.

NDP Activities:

NDP Left Caucus Forum and Conference:

Harry reported: the Conference and Forum were successful, though not uniformly so. New people came around them, including a significant number of young people and labour activists. 15 to 20 new people were there, out of the 75 at Conference, and 15 to 20 different Riding Associations were represented. Our roster of speakers was very impressive, with Quebec, the labour movement, and parliamentary types speaking.

- discussion followed, with different impressions from different comrades

Moved/Carried:

1) that comrades encourage the Left Caucus Steering Committee to hold a public, lunch-time Forum at the Ontario NDP Provincial Council

2)that comrades Bob and Bill be struck off to approach Susie Vallance about being the featured speaker at this projected Forum. Anyone else that she might be ready to suggest would be welcome.

- the first meeting of the newly-elected Left Caucus Steering Committee for 1989/90 will be at Lawrence Park Collegiate on Monday night

- L.C.Steering Committee members are meeting at Convocation Hall on Saturday to distribute the L.C. Newsletter and march in the International Woman's Day parade.

NDP Riding Associations

Oriole NDP: recently held a Forum on "The Police and Racism", re. the recent spate of racially -motivated killings by Metro. Toronto Police. Speakers were Bob Rae, Wilson Head, black community leader, a speaker from the Ontario NDP Black Advisory Committee, and two representatives of the Police Dept. Attendance by Riding party members was poor but a very good number of black people showed up.

Scarborough - Agincourt NDP:

Bill reports that Susie Vallance was elected President of the Provincial Riding and Provincial Council delegate. Bill was elected Membership Secretary. Most of the others on the Executive are trade-union staffers.

A dance was held by Scar.-Agin. after the L.C. Conference to raise money to pay the election debt. Well attended, it was held at Canadian Auto Workers Local 303 Hall. Bill distributed L.C. Newsletters

MINUTES: The Forward Group/ Toronto cadre Bill reported March 15/89

ATTENDANCE: Dowson, Doctorow, Steinbock, Kopyto, Anderson, Rozin, Smith, Clinton - Art Gray observing

Absent: Tomczak, Kasher, Meaghan, Darling

Chair: Jeff Smith

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as amended

Membership/Contacts: Ross was contacted by Barry Weisleder of Socialist Challenge/Gauche Socialiste, to help build up subscriptions to International Viewpoint. They have written a blurb in their paper citing Ross, Dick Fidler, etc. as subscribers, to show the prestige of the publication I.V.

- Socialist Action, a Fourth International grouping in the U.S. have contacted Ross to ask his financial support for an up-coming tour of the Soviet Union by left-wing notables, including Trotsky's grandson, Victor Serge's son and Pierre Broue of the Leon Trotsky Institute in Paris, France, (among others). Ross has complied, with Art's help.

- Moved/Carried: that Bill's educational on Afghanistan be moved to a future date and that he undertake an educational on Brazil for the next meeting

.....Membership/Contacts continued:

- Ron Gibson, C.A.W. member from London, Ont. Bill reports that he and other young comrades first met Ron and his companion, Edna Anderson (of OPSEU) at the recent NDP Left Caucus Forum. They socialized with both Ron and Edna after the Forum. Also at the L.C. Conference the next day. Bill subsequently met them at Ontario NDP Provincial Council, where Bill was asked by Ron to do some lobbying for the Labour Caucus, of which Ron is a delegate. Bill did, setting up meetings between Ron and the high-school network of the OND Youth and the Italian Advisory Committee. They also socialized together afterward. Ron expressed a willingness to stand for the Left Caucus Steering Committee next year. Bill judges Ron to be a better type than Susie Vallnce, whose periphery Ron is part of.

- Kevin Roberts: Political Education Officer, Local 76, Canadian Brotherhood of Railway and Transport Workers. Bill met him at L.C. Forum. Had extensive talks with him afterward. Subsequently met him at International Woman's Day, and socialized with him more. Good type should be considered a live contact.

- John Young, Oriole NDP and Oriole NDY: Bill reported on John's solid, quiet presence at NDP Provincial Council. Strong links developing, some socialization afterwards. Attended Ontario NDY meeting with John afterward.

- Moved/Carried: that Ari Rozin be struck off to make-up a contact file, listing all Group contacts and relevant information.

- Moved/Carried: that Harry be struck off to give an educational three meetings hence on the rights and responsibilities of membership.

- NDP Activities: -Harry gave a synopsis of Ed Broadbent's farewell speech to NDP Federal Council.

-discussion by comrades followed

- consensus is that this speech confirms the poisonous right-wing agenda that Broadbent had, and that it is ammunition for the Left Caucus. Will be used extensively in next Newsletter.

Ontario NDP Provincial Council:

Bill reports: comrades almost uniformly absent, with notable exception of Ari and Jim. Most of work done by Lois Bedard and Bill. Council a watershed in the NDP, with the Left Caucus never having had so much credibility; too bad comrades did not take it seriously enough to attend.

- discussion followed

Moved/Carried: that from this date on NDP Provincial Council is recognized as a branch mobilization. Thus, attendance is mandatory.

Ontario NDP Left Caucus:

- Harry reports:

-next meeting of Steering Committee at Harry's on April 12 at 7:30 PM

- Rolland Morin, Quebec NDP leader, has agreed to work with the L.C. at the up-coming Federal Convention of the NDP, on resolutions on Quebec.

- Svend Robinson, NDP MP from British Columbia has agreed to work with L.C. on a motion on Defense.

- note: Ridings must pay \$300 to register a delegate.

-Moved/Carried: that comrades

urge the L.C. Steering Committee to contact signatories to the "Proposal for a Forum on the Democratic Socialist Alternative to Free Trade".

NDP Riding Associations:

Scarborough-AgincourtNDP: Bill reported on a meeting held after the NDP(Ontario)Provincial Council

ONDP Youth:

- Jim reports on meeting he and Bill attended with John Young ONDY has tripled its membership/number of clubs since December 1988 -composed mostly of high-school and University students, and their clubs but some northern industrial towns had clubs in attendance, representing all youthful NDP members.
- President of ONDY was defeated for a spot on Policy Review Committee during Provincial Council.

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Glendon Campus (York) NDP):

- Jim and Jeff report: summed up activities done this year

Next Meeting: Wed. March 29/89

Next Educational: Bill Clinton on The Rise of the Workers Party in Brazil

Meeting Adjourned: 11:10 PM

Attendance: Dowson, Doctorow, Anderson, Rozin, Clinton, Tomczak

- Art Gray observing

Chair: Jim Anderson

Minutes of Last Meeting: adopted as read

Membership/Contacts: Gord reports that John Young will be moving out of Oriole Riding, and plans to be active in his new Riding. Comrades should make a special effort to keep in touch with John.

- Bill reports: Kevin Roberts has been in touch with Bill, and Roberts has resigned his post as Political Education Officer in CBRT Local 76.

- Jim reports: Steve Sobel still a live contact. Sobel on Left Caucus Steering Committee.

- Ross reports: he has received a copy of the most-recent Bob White letter. In it the CAW leader takes quite a left-wing stance. S. Benedict, a CAW staffer who is active in Ross's riding (Rosedale) sent it to him.

- Bill reads " Proposal for Forward Group Bylaws Regarding Membership Obligations, Responsibilities, and Cadre Concepts." (joint proposal of Gord and Bill)

Moved/Carried: -that there be a brief discussion on the Proposal tonight, to be followed by an extensive discussion on it at the next meeting, at which it will be voted upon.

- discussion followed

Moved/Carried: that the Secretary send a copy of the Proposal (if possible, with a covering letter) to the following absent comrades and supporters:

- John Darling
- Harry Kopyto
- Joe Steinbock
- Angie Codina
- Jeff Smith
- Dianne Meaghan
- John Glenn
- Bob Kasher
- Dave Piatti

- March 29/89
- Fred Callahan
 - Lois Bedard
 - Anne Dowson
 - Art Gray
 - Arthur Kershaw

NDP Activities:

- Ross reported on the recent Toronto Star article on Bob White's most recent criticism of the NDP leadership's strategy.
- Ross reported a low level of activity in Rosedale NDP

Moved/Carried: Ross is struck off to study Barry Weisleder's article in International Viewpoint (issue # 159) called "Corporate Canada: Workers are the Ones Who Suffer", and make a synopsis of it for the branch. Comrades will decide if we wish to reply to it. (ie. send a reply to I.V. or the U.S.F.I.)

Next Meeting: Tues April 11/89

Next Educational: Bill Clinton on "The rise of the Workers Party in Brazil".

Attendance: Dowson, Rozin, Doctorow, Kopyto

Chair: Ross Dowson

Minutes of last meeting: adopted as read

Correspondence: Ross sent a letter of solidarity to Ruth Bullock on behalf of the group.

Comrade Meaghan: The comrades agreed Diane's case should be taken up during the next meeting. Ross suggested Diane might have one legitimate complaint given the sexist remarks sometimes made by some comrades. That is indefensible. The comrades also agreed that no more side discussions with Diane take place.

Moved/carried: that discussion with Diane be limited to half an hour.

Moved/carried: that discussion on the nature of the group and the responsibilities of comrades to the group be moved to next meeting.

Moved/carried: that we feel out Bob White for a public forum.

Riding activities: Harry reports he intends to run for an executive position.

Comrades thought it was a good idea. Gord was elected President of Oriole once again as well as delegate. Ari was elected Secretary in Oriole.

Ross reports: Based on Wiseleder's article in International Viewpoint, Ross thinks there is a crisis in the Canadian movement on the question of Canadian Nationalism.

Moved/carried: that Ross write a reply to Wiseleder's article attacking the false portrayal of the movement in Canada and the International's error in judgement in publishing such a distorted view of the Canadian movement.

Next Meeting: Wed. April 26th.

MINUTES OF THE FORWARD GROUP, TORONTO CADRE, MAY 17, 1989.
at the home of Art Gray

To order at 8.25 pm

Present: Anderson, Steinbock, Dowson, Smith, Doctorow, Gray, Tomczak, Kopyto

Chair: Steinbock

Minutes

-deferred. Moved. Carried.

Membership

-Bill Clinton absent with reason. Ari Rozin, Bob Kasher absent without reason.

-Gord reminded group that May 17 is "meeting one" with regards to attendance requirements for comrades Rozin, Kasher (three absences being subject to discipline).

-Jim will have begun an attendance table by next meeting

Contacts

-Jeff reported that Steve Sobol maintains a state-capitalist view of the Soviet Union, though he has severed ties to the IS. Ross suggested that comrades in contact with Sobol obtain some books & periodicals to address this problem

Educational

-Bill's educational on Brazil cannot be delivered due to his absence

-Ross expressed concern that the group's record regarding educationals is faltering, and that Bill be relieved from further educationals until his job stabilizes

-next educational by Joe on the PLO. Jeff is preparing another on Ethiopia to be given in four weeks' time. Moved. Carried.

-Ross spoke of a tour being undertaken by well-known Trotskyists (including Serge's son, Trotsky's grandson) to promote a new book and to demand the clearing of Trotsky's name and the publication of his work. Ross moved that we contact these comrades regarding the prospect of requesting the inclusion of a Toronto or Vancouver meeting on the tour. Carried. Ross will report to next meeting on this possibility.

-Art gave an educational on Micronesian history and colonization.

NDP

-Past meeting of Left Caucus Steering Committee:

-Gord reported that Manfred Netzel has adopted an opinion that Left Caucus energy is too widely dispersed and that Manfred has lost energy himself: he is responsive to a "cut-back" in activity

-Esther and Diane have engaged in an organized campaign to usurp power over the newsletter

-Diane's minutes were very detailed: a provocative account of the previous meeting's discussion of a motion to include Esther on the editorial committee. These minutes were accepted. Gord protested, suspecting omissions. Minutes will be concise and business-oriented hereafter.

-The Left Caucus finances are not properly appraised by Manfred. He, Joe, and Walter Stuart will prepare a prospective budget and fundraising plan.

-Diane moved that the contents of the newsletter be determined by the Steering Committee as a whole. The motion was tabled. Jim asserted that in the face of Diane & Esther's organized action, a similar organization of Committee members who, by precedent, oppose them, will carry the day at all times. Dave agreed that the proposed large editorial committee is a good

idea; Diane & Esther will lose credibility, and Left Caucus can build as a reaction to destructive elements.

Gord said that keeping the level of discussion high will disarm them. The Steering Committee will be responsible for Editorial Committee, which will handle production.

Harry was concerned that opening up the Editorial Committee will result in debilitating problems like those we're now experiencing.

NDP: Riding Reports

-Trinity-Spadina: Dave reported on Dan Heap's distribution of a sheet which follows Bob White's line.

-Willowdale: Jeff gave White document to Anne Adelson, who is concerned that the election failure has not been sufficiently discussed. Elements in Willowdale have moved that delegates to Convention support any woman who runs for leadership.

-Scarborough-Ellesmere: Jim reported that David Warner has been nominated as candidate for next provincial election. Jim has given White document to Garth Dee.

-St. Paul's: Harry may run for president of riding association.

Kopyto Case

-Harry is under fire for challenge of Myers' Inquest proceedings.

-OPP has compiled Kopyto quotations for Law Society's use.

-A key article appeared in Star of May 17 which attacks Harry on numerous fronts.

-The RCMP is investigating Harry

-Next of Angie's hearings is May 24, 6.15 pm, at Osgoode Hall. Harry's hearings begin on June 13.

-Ross proposed that Angie be brought in for her hearings, contrary to Harry's original plan of action, citing that Angie must answer to the accusations and raise the issue of sexism concerning the allegations against her.

Meeting adjourned at 11.25 pm.

Next meeting will be on Wednesday, May 31.

Tuesday June 13, 1989. FORWARD GROUP.

Attendees - Bill, Harry, Joe, Ross, Art G. - Dave T.

And absent with reason: Ari Rosen ^{- Joffe also} - Kasher absent 3 meetings.

Chairman Art Gray

Ross moved that Kasher be approached about his membership.

Minutes of last meeting; May 31. taken by Bill Clinton.

~~April 26th~~ - APRIL 26th. Provisional minutes -

Minutes of May 10 not available. (adopted as information)

Moved to Adopt ^{minutes} minutes of April 26th.

- May 10 (as remembered) tour of Sergei Trotsky.

Aime Dawson a sympathizer. Educational by Joe Steinbock not ready.

Membership and Contacts - Bill on board of directors for John Howard Soc.

China Demonstrations - Harry said that we had not had the resources to intervene.

Ross said we should mobilize people around us on this matter.

(Bill Clinton) - we are a small group.

Ross volunteered to phone people concerning a meeting called by Socialist Challenge.

Ross moved that we have a mobilization for the Thursday meeting.

Bill Clinton. - Joe Steinbock. We support this meeting.

ANGIE CODINA - she has 11 hours of tapes and some 500 pictures.

Ross. - contact with Gerry Foley.

Educational - Ziguin and the PLO - Joe Steinbock.

PL established 1964. - shift to China discussion

Ross - Bill - Harry - Ross - Bill -

NDP activities - newsletters - Left Caucus deferred

June 4 - some delegates for federal convention - Harry vice president St. Pauls.

resolution against criminalizing abortions - resolution on Quebec (defeated). - NATO-NORAD.

denounced. - Oink meets tomorrow night. Joe will be there. Possibly Willardale, Brampton not.

HARRY KOPYTO Defense. - a party Friday night -

50 showed up at Osage Hall - a committee at Guelph. Very political. Finally some

75 in the court~~room~~. Repeated adjournment to July 4th.

Coming events - China meeting, June 15. Prade tomorrow, Joe.
Provincial Council this weekend, L. Ravenhurst.

Ross to have an operation before end of the month.

June 22 Left Owens Steering Committee.
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Left in Alberta, rancens.

Next Meeting (June 28, Wed.) - Harry will probably be in Newfoundland on the Mount Cashel case.

Ross moved adjournment. - adjourned 10⁵⁰.